

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 2020

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Barilla presiding. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

Present were Councilmen Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, & Hahn.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for March 10, 2020. 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. 2020-12 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IDENTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS TO BE UNSAFE STRUCTURES AS DEFINED BY SECTION 108 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING SUCH TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OR DEMOLITION OF SUCH UNSAFE STRUCTURE.

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor with everything going on; everything on here tonight and this isn’t; I’m not a part of this committee; I’m looking for Mr. Villamagna to do it or whoever. He’s the head of this committee. I would like to have everything on here; I’m just going to start with this one.”

Mr. Paul made a motion pursuant to Article III, Section 3B of the City Charter to dispense with the rule that Ordinance No. 2020-12 be read on three (3) separate occasions and that Ordinance No. 2020-12 be given its third reading this evening for this body’s passage or rejection and declaring it an emergency.

Mr. Mastros – “So we have to vote to waive the third reading. It has to pass by 2/3 vote first and then you vote on it as an emergency and again that has to pass by 2/3 I believe but that’s the procedure. So we have to have a vote first to waive the third reading. Then we vote.”

Mayor Barilla – “Do we have a second on that?”

Mrs. Hahn second the motion. Roll Call. Ayes Four (4) Paul, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn. No Three (3) Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna. Motion has failed declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Mastros – “That motion has failed so we still have the second reading which is; yeah we still have the second reading which is fine so we just keep moving forward. We just keep moving forward.”

Mr. Paul – “Whenever we come back we’ll read a third one (all inaudible).”

Mayor Barilla – “The third and final reading will be next week on; well.”

Mr. Mastros – “Whenever the next meeting is.”

Mr. Paul – “Can I explain myself why I did this? And I know you don’t like emergency ordinances but we don’t know when we’re going to come back here. Okay? I’d rather get all this stuff off the plate. If you don’t want to do it that way that’s fine by me but that’s how I feel. We should get this taken care of. We know we need buildings demolished. I’m only asking on the one reading. Go ahead.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay I think what we need to do before we; Mayor and I don’t know if I can make a motion to deviate from the agenda.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay.”

Mr. Petrella – “But I think we need to have this discussion now.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah why don’t we do that.”

Mr. Petrella made a motion to deviate from the agenda and have a discussion on what Council is going to do for the next two weeks. Second by Mrs. Hahn. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Petrella – “I guess I’ll start. I think the first discussion is and you mentioned it when we’re going to meet; if somebody wants to explain why we’re going to shut down or reasons to shut down so on and so forth because I feel that the best thing we can do is show the citizens you know we’re going to make sure that our citizens you know our Police Department is going to be working; our Fire Department is going to be working; our M & R; we’re going to provide all the services that we have always provided to them regardless. Okay? We’re not going to go into a panic mode. I think that’s the worst thing we can do. I think we should conduct business as usual until something drastically changes and I think we can handle this in a very calm state of mind. Show faith in our

administration and our staff that we'll render services uninterrupted as usual."

Mr. Dressel – "Can I argue? So I agree with you except for the fact that I've been told to stop contact with everybody. The Governor made it pretty clear and it's going to get worse by the way so New York is really getting hit today. If you're not aware of what's going on in Italy you need to make yourself aware. You know that their death rate; their mortality rate is 8% today there. Okay? Spanish flu was 10 and that was considered the worse thing since the plague. So not to panic everybody but if we're supposed to be staying away from people us getting together in a room with 12, 13, 14, 15 of us just with what's here and everybody in here also in contact with 10, 15, or 20 people a week at work; that's hundreds of people in this room germ wise. What I don't want to do is quite honest I won't die from it I'm pretty sure but what I don't want to do is bring it to anybody else. So if we can figure out a way to livestream this and we can come in this room and not sit in such close proximity I might consider doing that but on the other hand I think waiting would make sense for at least the time period that the Governor has the hold on every other public gathering of more than 10 people and you really need to think hard about it. This isn't work like work is work so we all come from lots of different places with lots of different people and we aren't in this building every day like Jim is and Chris and the others that work with the same group every day so they are hopefully staying within that group. So I understand what you're saying and I'm sure the citizens expect this Council to make decisions; if we have to call a meeting because of something that requires a vote we can always do that but I think we should be aware that we all sit here then we're all; everybody in this room then whether if you touched somebody or not but before you leave here after being here a half an hour or 45 minutes you're going to have everybody else's germs on you. So and Craig I don't know how old you are but you need to be aware of people 65 and over the mortality rate is really high so you know and I mean I'm almost 60 and I just; I don't want to push that envelope any harder than I have too and my granddaughter is young and she has a baby brother that's only 4 and my son's girlfriend has a baby that's 2 and I don't want to risk those people getting sick. That's my point."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Timmons."

Mr. Timmons – "Costa are there any other options like Scott mentioned livestream I mean is there anything else we can do? That's kind of what I want to hear I mean."

Mr. Mastros – "Sure so Mrs. Haley had e-mailed to you all a directive or an opinion from the Ohio Attorney General's office."

Mr. Timmons – "I thought it was pretty ambiguous actually."

Mr. Mastros – "Well it does give some authority to do it by teleconference. It does give some authority. So that's an option. We have to follow all the other rules of our meetings; revised code, the charter all that stuff but it does give some authority to do it by teleconference."

Mayor Barilla – "Mrs. Hahn."

Mrs. Hahn – "So I totally agree with you Craig that we want to communicate to our people that things are as normal as they can be and we're going to continue to provide services. This is why we worked so hard on the letter that will come from all of Council, the Mayor, the City Manager, and the Law Director because things are changing so quickly there's a lot we couldn't put in here because literally the next day it was different. We are communicating through this letter that people will continue to receive services that the administration is still active so I believe that piece to the puzzle. This is a letter we're going to send out to every water customer because we have all of their addresses. It'll be a trifold; hopefully going out tomorrow and we'll get this out and it's got good websites that we've cleared with the County Health Director she says these are the best ones for everyone to be able to get and when you think the directive of the CDC to not be in groups of more than 10 we can't even have it be Council, the Mayor, the Clerk, the Law Director, and the City Manager. So just by our meeting we're going against what the CDC has said. Second thing we have to be open to the public so we need time to figure out if we're going to try to livestream this; how we could set that up? How we could advertise it so that the public is able to view it because we cannot meet apart from it being an open meeting. That's what was clear from that letter but we seem to have the one option of livestreaming where we could possibly have the public view it. They won't be able to interact with us but they could view it. Okay so anyway my recommendation is that we not meet for at least the next two weeks and then we see what the directives of the CDC are at that point and I understand and appreciate all your concerns about emergency measures but this is an emergency."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Villamagna."

Mr. Villamagna – "I'm on the opinion of mostly what Craig said there. I don't believe that we should shut government down. I don't think anybody has said that we have to shut down government because there's too many of us in a room and that applies to public gatherings but it doesn't pertain to the government itself. If that was the case Congress is meeting; the President is meeting; everything on TV with a bunch of people. The government has to run. There's certain things that has to run and I'm looking at the Police Chief over there and I'm thinking of him and I'm thinking of News 9; Linda; they're here. They got a job to do and I know the Chief has a young daughter so he has to do his job. He has to come here. He has to deal with people. We were talking earlier about you meeting with people today and you have to take precautions but I think we owe it to the citizens; I think it's our duty to stay open. I just think it's our duty. I think that's what we're here for and I want to take the precautions and me and Scott talked earlier and I do like the idea of I don't think the public should be here. I think we should livestream it. We do have an IT guy that could possibly do that but I think it's our obligation to keep the government open. What I would've really liked to have done; we should've called an emergency meeting in the beginning when this happened so we would all kind of be aware of what was going on but that's something in the future that maybe we can consider doing but that's just my opinion. I think we need to be open. I think it's our obligation. It's our duty to keep government open so people see that we're moving forward that's all."

Mayor Barilla – "Anyone else?"

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Well this is my fourth meeting today. I’m also the case manager which means I transport people in my car. In the meeting this morning with all the case managers. One of the case managers said he was in a car with a guy who was sick and he was coughing and doing all this stuff; this was on Friday. So after the meeting was over he got the word that he has to self-quarantine now for two weeks because that guy was in his car and he could spread germs to everybody allegedly who was at that meeting with him. It just so happened we were all sitting all away from each other around the room but the guy that was in the car could’ve been contaminated with the virus. He could not of. Nobody knows. But as a precaution he is now quarantine for two weeks.”

Mayor Barilla – “Anymore discussion?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “All of you have made excellent points here. Probably in the last ten days I’ve been in constant contact with the Health Commissioner mainly because how it’ll effect Steubenville. I could tell you as of right now there are no cases in Steubenville, Ohio. I’ve talked with the City Manager in Weirton; I have not talked to the City Manager in Follansbee; both of those governments have given two weeks in support of where the President has requested our Governor to minimize the exposure. I can’t speak for you Eric. I mean I know you’re in the banking business. I don’t know what your exposure is to people. I know Craig I know what his exposure is and Mam I know you deal with people every day. Mrs. Hahn you have groups that you meet with and you just don’t know. Costa’s in court every day; who’s there? Willie he’s home now but Scott you have your business. Bob you call and you do things for people. So all of us are exposed. To what degree we don’t know and again I appreciate all the points that were made here. I personally don’t believe because I’ve been in government that the people look at this that we’re weak. No we’re cautious and I believe we’re being smart not to subject all of you. Every day I’ve cut down my meetings. I did two meetings today by phone; conference calls because everybody has the same concern and I appreciate that. I talk with my workers; we’re at full service. Our people are doing their job and that’s the most important thing and that’s what we should be concerned with. Is the city providing the service? Absolutely. I can tell you that 100%. I have full faith in our employees. Do I know the risk factors? Yes I do. The Police, the Fire every day they’re out there; our sewer people, our water people, the ladies that take money every day at the counter. Now effective tomorrow we’re minimizing the access to our City Building. Anybody wants to come in there will have to make an appointment and a clear reason why they want to come in there and they will be logged in. They will be identified; a phone number and identification for this reason because if something does come up we have got to be able to track this back and there’s only; well there’s three; Jimmy back there, Bob, the Chief and myself four know how hard it is to back track when you’re trying to trace something down and that’s what this is about. Like it or not Eric you’re the youngest one here all of us are in a category unfortunately that puts us in a kind of a danger zone but that is not an absolute death sentence because you have this. It’s the underlining factors that you have and I think the whole point of this was trying to comply and if I’m wrong Willie please tell me is to adhere what the Governor, the President a two week window is what they’re looking for; for a benchmark that everyone has absolutely done everything they can to minimize their exposure. Now with that being said we can clearly look here Jimmy Marquis has worked all day and he’s here. Chief’s worked all day he’s here. Chief Capaldi; Mr. Murphy; Mr. Petrossi they’ve all worked all day today; the Mayor has. I have. So we’ve been out. I minimize; I know who I’ve met with today. I know those people they’re all our people but again we have to be cautious in what we do. We’ve got to change the ways that we operate. I don’t believe and again I have no issues with what Mr. Petrella brought up. I think it sends the message that we’re being aware and we’re looking out for everybody’s well-being here but again this is a decision of Council and I’ll respect whatever direction all of you go. I’ve made my decision. My decision is to protect our people the best I can but give the service to the people that they need and I believe we can do that. So I just wanted to bring these points up and Council you make the decision in which direction you want to go. Thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – “If it’s a distance thing we should figure out but I agree with Bob you know we’re a government. The President has how many people? He has more than 10 people around him.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes.”

Mr. Petrella – “The Governor has more than 10 people around him.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “But also they both have the resources. We don’t. That’s the difference.”

Mr. Paul – “You walk in the door and they put a thermometer on your head to see if you got a fever. Do we have that? No.”

Mr. Petrella – “I conduct business as usual. I shouldn’t say; I conduct business in a modified sense but I still conduct business and I don’t stop what I’m doing. Jimmy don’t stop what he’s doing. We may do it differently but we don’t stop. If we can do it differently I’m all for it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I don’t think we should have committee meetings or anything like that.”

Mr. Petrella – “I agree. We can minimize all that.”

Mr. Dressel – “I would like to make a motion and get a vote and then we can decide what we’re going to do if we don’t pass it.”

Mayor Barilla – “Before that let’s have Eric say…”

Mr. Timmons – “The only thing I want to say is that I think one of the reasons I voted no on that is because I don’t know anything that; this is the first I’m hearing it. I wanted to hear; I’m glad I got to ask Costa what are the options. You know I think instead of just hearing about what the ideas are for the first time tonight. I think our communication should be a little better. You know that’s probably my fault as well for not calling you Jim and seeing what’s going on. What the ideas are? But you know that’s something I’ve always; I just think our communication needs to be a little better and I don’t want to be here honestly either. I have a little girl at home. My parents; my mom has COPD I mean I don’t need to be a carrier either so it does concern me but that also concerns me too you know we do need to know what’s going on and it doesn’t look good transparency wise if we’re

passing everything on emergency without even knowing why we're doing it. So that's all I have to say."

Mr. Petrella – "And I agree this is the first thing I get hit with (inaudible). Nobody preempted me at all. Kimberly and I talked about this letter and I know she communicated with all of you about this letter. You know but to walk in here tonight and get told where I thought; you know and I hate saying business as usual but conducting city business you know and I agree with Eric I think we should've had some options laid out before tonight. And if could've communicated; if we were going to cancel we could've communicated that through the media that we were going to be cancelling within 72 hours prior to this meeting. That's where I think the discussion should have occurred at least 72 hours prior to this meeting. Anything under 72 hours I felt that is our obligation too and if there's other options I'm willing to go with the other options. And you guys know how I feel about emergencies. If it's not a true emergency you know; demolishing a building yeah is it unsafe? How long have they been standing now? So is it a true emergency? Is it ready to collapse on somebody until next week?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Craig but if; that's why we should've had this discussion before we did this because if we are going to cancel the two meetings then I think we do need to act on these as emergencies. We can't let them sit for two more weeks and then come back. If we're going to not cancel the meetings then there's no need for the emergency but if we are going to cancel them I think; I don't know if we can introduce this; what we just did or whatever. I think they do need to act as an emergency if we're going to cancel the meetings."

Mr. Dressel – "Well all that and then here's what I would like to try and then let's just see what happens. I'd like to propose that we cancel two weeks. During that two weeks Karly will figure out how we can livestream this event. Wintersville does it every week. Call them and ask how. You can actually watch it live and then it's out there. It might be on their Facebook and I know how popular that is but it could also be on their website. I forget where I saw it because they sent it out in an email in a link and I got it because I follow their council. Weirton also cancelled. I don't know what they do as far as live streaming. So it would be nice if we could figure that out because in all likely this is not going to be solved in two weeks as much as I really wanted it too for my own business. That's not part of the motion."

Mr. Dressel made a motion to cancel the next two meetings March 24th and March 31st with the directive that we try to figure out how to livestream so that we can be in action and protected as much as possible.

Mr. Timmons – "No I just wondered can you I mean we can call an emergency meeting if something were to happen at any time?"

Mr. Mastros – "You can always do it."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "So I have a question so you mean in the two weeks that we are cancelled that we'd come together after those two weeks or if we come together after those two weeks we would have livestream in place to meet?"

Mr. Mastros – "Hopefully."

Mr. Dressel – "Hopefully because that would allow us to be transparent to the public and open to the public without being open door to the public and having them risk getting contaminated coming into that door."

Mr. Mastros – "So the issue will come up if I may? Just a question on the motion. You really can't close it to the public under the sunshine laws you can't close it."

Mr. Paul – "We can urge them not to come."

Mr. Mastros – "You could urge them not to come and I think you might be on the razor's edge but I think we can limit to 5 people in the audience and that's it. First 5."

Mr. Dressel – "Right. So and then we can ask everybody try to follow the suggestive guidelines of the CDC that should persist."

Mr. Paul – "Does Wintersville still do theirs live?"

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah it's on every week. Just someone might want to call them and ask them how they do it."

Mr. Villamagna – "We got an IT guy here right?"

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah they're technology is probably relatively straight forward. As much as people hate Facebook you can actually livestream it on there and then people can join it as a group. They can comment and they can actually ask questions. So if for example we were doing that and I'm digressing from the motion but Karly could actually watch that live if we wanted her too and if a question did come up we would have the option of addressing it."

Mr. Mastros – "I do know this we're struggling with this in Cadiz because I represent Cadiz and we heard a Council down in South Carolina livestream on Facebook. It's an option. I don't know about it I just heard about it."

Mr. Villamagna – "We're going to have all these comments on there? That ain't going to fly."

Mr. Mastros – "Yeah I don't know I'm just saying there is the ability to do that."

Mr. Dressel – "It would just be like a video you would watch."

Few Unknown – "(All inaudible)."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah no one in here has to be on it. I mean as far as you're on it but you don't have to be talking on there. Do you understand?"

Mr. Villamagna – "But the citizens can't comment on there I mean just randomly like whatever they want to say down..."

Mr. Dressel – "I have no idea depends on how you set it up."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah because I'm against that 250%. I don't know if you pay attention but..."

Mr. Mastros – "We'd figure that out."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah we can figure that out. I don't think you have to allow that. So that's an issue for Karly to solve. Is there a second?"

There was a small discussion between Council, City Manager, and Law Director about livestreaming the meeting

on April 7th and Mr. Mavromatis confirmed to Council that he'll let them know as soon as possible if we're able to livestream the meeting in the future if need be.

*Mr. Dressel made a motion. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Villamagna – “Mayor I have a question for the Law Director. Now can we go back?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Can we rescind our vote and then vote again?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Can we do that?”

Mr. Mastros – “Obviously I don't like to do that. It just messes up things but that's fine. I have no issue with that. Have a motion.”

Mr. Petrella – “You can either rescind it or ask for reconsideration.”

Mr. Mastros – “Well we can rescind and revote.”

Mr. Dressel made a motion to rescind and revote the previous vote on Ordinance No. 2020-12 to waive the third reading and pass it as an emergency. Second by Mrs. Hahn. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2020-12 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IDENTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS TO BE UNSAFE STRUCTURES AS DEFINED BY SECTION 108 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING SUCH TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OR DEMOLITION OF SUCH UNSAFE STRUCTURE.

Mr. Paul made a motion pursuant to Article III, Section 3B of the City Charter to dispense with the rule that Ordinance No. 2020-12 be read on three (3) separate occasions and that Ordinance No. 2020-12 be given its third reading this evening for this body's passage or rejection and passed as an emergency. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Mastros – “No. Now you have to vote on the Ordinance. You just waived the third reading so now you have to vote on the Ordinance.”

Mayor Barilla – “So we're going to have a vote on Ordinance No. 2020-12 by roll call as an emergency.”

Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-12 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect upon the Mayor's signature.

NO. 2020-13 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.18 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING RESIDENTIAL HANDICAP PARKING SPACES.

Mr. Paul made a motion pursuant to Article III, Section 3B of the City Charter to dispense with the rule that Ordinance No. 2020-13 be read on three (3) separate occasions and that Ordinance No. 2020-13 be given its second and third reading this evening for this body's passage or rejection and passed as an emergency. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2020-13 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2nd and 3rd reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.18 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING RESIDENTIAL HANDICAP PARKING SPACES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-13 by roll call. Second by Mrs. Hahn. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-13 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect upon the Mayor's signature.

NO. 2020-14 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Dressel, Timmons, Anyabwile

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE LOCAL OFFICIAL WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE CITY HALL ROOFING PROJECT, AND COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION /INSPECTION SERVICES, BIDDING SERVICES, ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING ANY REBIDDING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED, AND ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE.

Mr. Dressel made a motion pursuant to Article III, Section 3B of the City Charter to dispense with the rule that Ordinance No. 2020-14 be read on three (3) separate occasions and that Ordinance No. 2020-14 be given its second and third reading this evening for this body's passage or rejection and passed as an emergency. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2020-14 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 2nd and 3rd reading

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE LOCAL OFFICIAL WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE CITY HALL ROOFING PROJECT, AND COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE

REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION /INSPECTION SERVICES, BIDDING SERVICES, ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING ANY REBIDDING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED, AND ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-14 by roll call. Second by Mrs. Hahn. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-14 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect upon the Mayor's signature.

NO. 2020-15 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING INC. FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CSO 003 LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PHASE 2 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-15. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-15 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-15 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect upon the Mayor's signature.

Mr. Mastros – “Mayor before the clerk reads the ordinance I want to make it known and I appreciate Mr. Villamagna catching this. There are some typographical errors in the ordinance. They’re not (inaudible) errors they’re typographical. I will fix them. The substance of the ordinance is not going to change but when you finally see it it’ll look a little different. They’re typographical only but that’s all. Thank you.”

NO. 2020-16 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-96, THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, SPECIFICALLY THE FIREFIGHTERS POSITION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Paul made a motion pursuant to Article III, Section 3B of the City Charter to dispense with the rule that Ordinance No. 2020-16 be read on three (3) separate occasions and that Ordinance No. 2020-16 be given its second and third reading this evening for this body's passage or rejection and passed as an emergency. Second by Mr. Dressel. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2020-16 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2nd and 3rd reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-96, THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, SPECIFICALLY THE FIREFIGHTERS POSITION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-16. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-16 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. Five (5) ayes, Paul, Petrella, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn. Two (2) no, Timmons, Villamagna. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-16 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. The ordinance will take effect upon the Mayor's signature.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor. First of all I’d like to sunshine an ordinance authorizing and directing the approval of expenditures without a purchase order over \$3,000.00 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41. And that’s normally what we do every three months and that’ll be read at our next meeting for its first reading. So did we respond to Judge Mascio? I was texting him a little bit ago he said that he had told two Commissioners and all of Council received his letter that he does not want to go to the Justice Center. Because I don’t want the Commissioners to say we need to write them a letter and tell them. I think; yeah because remember last time we had to write them a letter so I’m hoping this will suffice if we have to I can call Mr. Gentile tomorrow night. I think they already know that but the Judge will stay in this building. Dave Lewis isn’t here but I was wanting to ask since we are suspending those two meetings will Council get paid for those? It’s like sick leave.”

Mr. Mastros – “I can get you an answer on that. How about that?”

Mr. Paul – “I was just asking.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “Because someone asked me and I just...”

Mr. Mastros – “I’ll get you an answer.”

Mr. Dressel – “Can I add something to that then because you’re going to look into it again. Because the question has never been answered about the other meetings we have...”

Mr. Mastros – “No I answered that debate.”

Mr. Dressel – “You may want to look at that again.”

Mr. Paul – “If we call it.”

Mr. Dressel – “And the reason why I say that is after going through the training on the sunshine laws there was something in there about.”

Mr. Paul – “I’m finished you’re Honor thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah just a couple things Mayor. The first thing was last week we talked about the carriers for the bulletproof vests and Officer Marquis didn’t have it. He brought it today to show us and that’s it right there. It’s ergonomically correct. This puts the weight evenly proportion to your body so it doesn’t put a strain on your body and I also understand that some officers have a medical prescription to wear this type of vest because if anybody doesn’t know how heavy that is; it’s pretty heavy.”

Mayor Barilla – “So that reduces the pressure on your lower back?”

Jim Marquis – “On your gun belt yes.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So we agreed last week to move forward with this.”

Mr. Paul – “Are we going to provide for everybody or is it just certain guys that have them or are we going to reimburse who has them now? Is that what it was?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “Everybody’s going to get one.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Everybody is going to get one and whoever paid for their own just bring your receipt.”

Mr. Paul – “Get reimburse.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah. That’s what we were all on board with last week right?”

Few Council Members – “Yes.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Is there a price tag with that vest?”

Jim Marquis – “The carrier itself you measure your panels which the city has already provided us.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right so we’re just talking the vest only?”

Jim Marquis – “That’s what my understanding is \$199.00 for the (inaudible). The add-ons are…”

Mr. Villamagna – “The panel that says Steubenville Police is included with that?”

Jim Marquis – “No you have to buy those like nametag; the badge was purchased here locally at the Target Shop they embroider them.”

*Council, the City Manager, Chief McCafferty, and Jim Marquis continue to discuss about the vest for the Police Department. They discussed that if an officer does not want a vest and wants to continue to wear the belt then that was fine. They discussed that the add-ons which would be the embroidered panels have to all be the same with Steubenville Police on the back, last name of the officer on their right chest, and the Police badge on the left of the vest. Jim Marquis said that the extra panels were around \$30.00 so they estimated that the total for a vest with the panels would be around \$250.00 apiece. They also discussed what the City provided to the officers and how the Police have an allowance to purchase things for their vest or gun belt.

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah a couple other things. I was contacted by two people about businesses and I currently got them hooked up with realtors who are trying to find property and again the problem is we don’t have property here. We just don’t have property. That’s why it’s important that we get this Grant School property taken care of. I think we’ve talked about that before about maybe drilling and seeing what we got to do to remediate that problem because if not we just got an empty lot. But this guy is trying really hard; he’s contacting people; he’s knocked on doors and he just can’t find the property. But he’s trying which that’s good and I told you about the Hollywood Plaza they got a waiting list of people trying to get in there. So it’s pretty decent. It’s looking good. That’s all I have.”

Mr. Dressel – “I just wanted to add to that but last; was it last week Chris? You put on the City website a link; a list with a link to every available; larger available lot in the city. So they’re out there. I don’t know if this guy talked to Chris but he probably needs more land than we have available.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah he needs more than what we…”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah so continuously probably Steve Vukelic has the biggest lot.”

Chris Petrossi – “That was placed on the website in January. There is a listing under Economic Development of larger available (inaudible) of land. However the ones that Councilman Villamagna referring too they just aren’t (all inaudible) for what they want.”

Mr. Dressel – “They need more acres.”

Chris Petrossi – “More acreage or different locations.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Chris hang around a couple seconds after and I’ll get with you about the conversation too.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah a couple of things. Jim (all inaudible from noise) about the MLK Center? Are we going to keep it closed?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It is closed at this time.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay so that’s one thing important for people to know that’s not a place for anyone to be able to come and just hangout. Also I want to recommend that people if they haven’t already sign up with the Steubenville Parks and Recreation Facebook page because once we get the all clear to be able to have sports and all again that’ll be a good location to get that information. I also wanted to mention if we can in the paper for people to really be thinking about older people; people in their 70s and 80s are really urged to stay home and even in my 60s; so there’s a reason they put out the warnings and I really think we need to do our best to

observe them. So if you know people in their 70s and 80s, 90s you know just pick up the phone and call them. Are you okay? Is there something I can drop off at your home? And reach out to some of your neighbors that way as well. Sometimes I think we've heard the good Samaritan passage so often that when we hear of someone in need we think it's not a neighbor but sometimes our neighbors actually our neighbor and we should try to reach out by phone or by email and it's possible for younger people to run to the grocery store and drop something off on their porch. So there's a way we can reach out. I also want to encourage people even if we're not meeting we are still on task as Council Members and the City website should have all of our city email addresses available so people can still get in touch with us but we've thought a lot about this. We're sending out a letter tomorrow it's got very good information and we hope that people will read it and then even put it up on the refrigerator to be able to refer to it again. We're very much are concerned about our people. That's all thank you."

Mr. Petrella – "The only thing I want to add to it that they understand; these are what exist today. If they change then we will update our citizens as needed."

Mrs. Hahn – "Well we did make a point of putting things in the letter that aren't going to change and then if they go to the websites they'll get all of the updates."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. First thing I want to bring up we had our sealed bids were opened on Wednesday March 11th for our street paving resurfacing improvement. The bid was awarded to Lindy Paving Inc. of New Galilee, PA. They were the lowest bidder at \$607,124.00 that's with the add-on so they are the ones that received the approval on this and that who will be doing our paving this year. Chris is there anything else that you need to add?"

Chris Petrossi – "No that's all."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

Mr. Petrella – "I got a couple questions on that."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes sir."

Mr. Petrella – "I'm assuming they're going to be here more than 21 days paving correct?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well they're here as long as it takes to do that job. Okay?"

Mr. Petrella – "Yeah but the paving is going to take more than 21 days is that correct?"

Chris Petrossi – "Correct."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay so as such they should be signed up for City Income Tax because they are a contractor that's going to be working more than 21 days."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Correct me if I'm wrong the 21 days there has to be the same employee. Alright you know the game they play but it's a good point you brought up so we'll find out. This will be a good test case. Okay?"

Mr. Petrella – "Yeah. You know I'm just tired of people coming in and doing a hit and run on us and we suffer for it."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay."

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

Mr. Mavromatis – "No I have more. I passed out to Council two lists here; the take-out take over with everything that's going on and I said this earlier tonight when I talked to News 9; support these people in our town. They're our businesses. They're trying to adhere to what orders that have been passed out by the Governor, the President and this is hurting a lot of our businesses here. So we can support them by takeout clearly do. But I wanted you to have it. The Chamber put out this other list actually both lists they did so I printed both out to give you; the press has a copy and give them the support. The letters that you have here again working with Mrs. Hahn so I know before I put this out is everybody in agreeance with this? Is there any issues that I need to know?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Fine."

Mr. Petrella – "I'm okay with it."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay. Anyone else? Because what's going to happen this is going to go out as a one page mailer or a trifold and again they are expensive but you are correct any updates that we do as it pertains to the City of Steubenville will be on our website but here is the catcher here this is a Health Department issue. Those are the links that they should be going to as citizens to find out what is going on here because there are updates that are put in there as well as the State exactly where the issues are breaking out here. And as I said today as of 6:00 p.m. tonight there are no issues in the City of Steubenville. Yes sir?"

Mr. Dressel – "I don't see it on here directly but if you're not aware the Governor does an update every day at 2:00. It's on the PBS channel. There's more than two that we pick up here out of I think Columbus and somewhere else. It's also live on the Ohio something; I have the link somewhere I can; I actually put it on my Facebook page for the city; my City Council Page."

Mr. Paul – "I think its Ohio News."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah Ohio News maybe and its Government News so they stream it live every day. If you didn't watch today you should really watch today's they actually explain why they're taking all the actions that they're taking based on the study that was completed in England last week. The curves of spreading the contagion and why every single step they take reduces that curve and the reason we want to do that is because we don't want to overwhelm our hospitals. If we overwhelm our hospitals like what happened in Italy they had to decide who's living and who's dying and they're still deciding that today and it just happened; New York by the way is

overwhelmed today so we don't want that to happen here. So anyway the Governor's update is at 2:00 every day is really good and thorough and it's worth seeing."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay. As I told the news media the Health Department is the one that's handling this. This falls into (all inaudible). Daily I talk to them. If there's anything that I feel is necessary I will let Council know but right now so far we're doing good here. Our biggest thing that we need to focus on is preventative measures on what we do with our day to day lives and the Council that work every day know the risk factors that we're involved in. We're trying to minimize that by the contacts that we have. So again I will advise Council if anything comes up and I will work on getting you an answer for the livestreaming so we have that quickly before it catches up to us. That's all I have Mayor."

Mr. Petrella – "Jim this is (all inaudible). The second week of February we're at Council I brought up that I wanted to get ahead of the curve with weeds and litter and that there are certain houses we know that if you need to chase right now; cited; one of LaBelle; one on Pleasant Heights the weeds are as tall as I am. Where do we sit on that and where do we sit with the courts on that?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "I'll have to see; our code enforcement guy; Chief has his hand up."

Bill McCafferty – "Yeah if you read the ordinance right I believe Dorsey told me there's months; you can't enforce that till the beginning of April."

Mr. Petrella – "I know we cannot enforce it until the first of April however we can have everything set and ready to go the first of April. You know what I'm saying?"

Bill McCafferty – "Yeah I mentioned the ones that you mentioned that day but he said he cannot mail anything out until the ordinance comes in."

Mr. Petrella – "I want everything there ready to go. First of April it should be in the mail. I don't want to start the first of April (inaudible) six weeks. You know what I mean Chief?"

Bill McCafferty – "Yeah."

Mr. Petrella – "So I mean we should have that list already done correct?"

Chris Petrossi – "Weeds and litter is handled by Officer Dorsey."

Bill McCafferty – "(All inaudible)"

Mr. Petrella – "So we should have that list already compiled because we know who the..."

Bill McCafferty – "It's the same one every year."

Mr. Petrella – "Every year. The obvious ones should go out April 1st. You know then I don't have a problem. Is there an end date? Is there an end date in that ordinance?"

Mr. Mastros – "I believe there is. I just don't know off the top of my head."

Bill McCafferty – "Yeah I think it's till October."

Mr. Mastros – "I think so yeah. There is an end date though. There's a define time period."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay so it they're cited within the time frame; do not comply and they run passed October do they get a free pass?"

Mr. Mastros – "No as long as the citation is issued between the time periods they're fine."

Mr. Petrella – "So the citation that were issued last year could be enforced right now?"

Mr. Mastros – "If they haven't been adjudicated. I mean the citations have to be run through the court."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay has that been done? Have we been able to do something with these people? Because where I'm coming from there's a lot of lots (all inaudible) whether in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth ward and if we already adjudicated them I don't want to reinvent the wheel. Let's do something about it."

Mr. Mastros – "I mean it they're adjudicated they're done. It's over."

Mr. Petrella – "I don't want to have to do it again for the same thing."

Mr. Mastros – "No you will."

Mr. Mavromatis – "You will. If it's adjudicated you're starting all over again."

Mr. Mastros – "Yeah."

Mr. Mavromatis – "its zero now."

Mr. Mastros – "Correct as long as there's a violation."

Mr. Villamagna – "Which happens a lot."

Bill McCafferty – "I've brought this question up 18 years ago after I did Acting Chief for like a year. I said; I asked Gary Repella why can't we just send it out automatically because we know it's going to be the same ones and back then there wasn't as many. He said you can't do it because of the way the ordinance reads. So the whole thing is..."

Mr. Paul – "Change the ordinance."

Mr. Mastros – "No you have to wait until they are in violation of it. That's the point. You can't just ship them one. You have to wait until there's a violation of the ordinance and then you do it."

Mr. Petrella – "Okay let's revisit the ordinance. If we have to take out April and October in order to do it; you know."

Mr. Paul – "Well if it's an ordinance I think Council created it so we can amend it."

Mr. Mastros – "You can."

Mr. Villamagna – "I might be wrong but I remember; I mean it ain't a real big thing in the winter time and that's why they came up with the dates."

Mr. Mastros – "Yeah you're not going to have a weed problem now."

Mr. Petrella – "You do have a weed problem now because they never cut them."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well and Chris you correct me if I'm wrong here. There's cases over here at the court room; they bring these people in they have zero money. No income whatsoever; I know it's that way and they can't

put them in jail which I don't know if you want to put them in jail if they're that indigent but what do you do with them?"

Mr. Mastros – "You know Judge Mascio makes that decision."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah you know what I'm saying."

Mr. Mastros – "It's his call."

Mr. Villamagna – "I have it written down. I know how many violations were wrote and it's astronomical. There's a lot of them for one guy and for the inspectors from the Building Department and I followed some of them up in the court room and the biggest problem is I got no money; I got no income; and if you put them in jail you're taking up space in the jail. You're paying for them down there too."

Mr. Petrella – "Well if they have no money and they can't take care of it then they should relinquish that property."

Mr. Villamagna – "I don't know how you force them to do that. There's a lot of complications there. You got to keep trying."

Mr. Petrella – "I mean there's a lot of empty lots."

Mr. Dressel – "I mean a little compassion goes a little ways too. You know what I found that works for me in problem areas that I have is providing a list to Judge Mascio for the community service folks to go and mow. They do it. They've done it every time I've asked. If they aren't doing it when you ask; I mean it's the way you're asking or if you haven't asked. I don't know what it is. They can only do so many but maybe right now they're looking for things to do could be a good chance to get ahead of the curve on those and give that list to Judge Mascio."

Mr. Villamagna – "They do a great job."

Mr. Dressel – "I email it to him and he gives it to whoever is running it that day and they usually get it and then they usually write it down and they go back there two or three times over the summer. So I have not had a problem getting a lot cut by them."

Mayor Barilla – "One comment. Mr. Mavromatis has had a news conference and I think he's doing an outstanding job with them and like the Governor of our State and the President maybe as a suggestion that our City Manager through this crisis have a news conference each week to let the public know where we are. Where we stand and what's going on so that they have information directly from our City Manager. Just a suggestion. You said the Governor is on every day at 2:00; we don't need to go on every day but at least once a week if Mr. Mavromatis could have a conference with the news media saying this is where we are. This is what's going on and I think it would keep people more calm and have more faith in who we are. Just a suggestion Mr. Mavromatis."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's a good idea."

Mr. Dressel – "If you want to do that you might want to have Nicole with you."

Mayor Barilla – "She could be with him that would be a good idea."

Mr. Dressel – "And maybe even somebody from Trinity. That's what the Governor is basically doing is having all the top medical people in his..."

Mayor Barilla – "I think the more information the people have the better they feel and more confident. So Jim if that's okay with you."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes sir."

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

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