

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 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 Council persons Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, & Hahn.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, & Linda Harris from the Herald Star.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for May 5, 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. 2020-26 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FUND AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE OHIO VALLEY INC.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Resolution No. 2020-26. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Resolution No. 2020-26 please state your name.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2020-26 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2020-27 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 10-16TH, 2020 AS NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK.

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-27 by roll call. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2020-27 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor this has to do with hospital week. I would like to thank all the employees of Trinity Health System who work hard to protect the health and wellbeing of our community. These dedicated workers; health care providers are putting themselves at risk daily and I’d like to thank them for that you’re Honor.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have something under the Safety Committee as of now. Down the road it might be safety and finance. As you know we were discussing earlier in the year the EMS system. I’ve been innovated with some questions by many citizens and I would like to address this tonight and I think we need to move forward. Alright so I have four choices that I would like to provide to Council and I don’t know if you want to decide upon this tonight or we can decide on it next week which would be the 19th either way you want to do it we can (all inaudible) and find out. If we would go tonight I would make a motion then. Okay so here’s what I would like to present to Council. Today I was discussing with (all inaudible) and our first option would be provide money to ASI. Now if we provide money to ASI that would probably be; I don’t know the figure. I never received any type of estimates back from ASI; roundabout figure we’ll just say \$200,000 a year. That would be a year. The second option would be for us to start a co-op program where we would hire three individuals that they would solely work for ASI. We would provide the people. We would provide the hospitalization and ASI would collect the billing. Okay? The third option would be to pay an outside company to assist us; to provide EMS services. That could be I think Carrollton has an ambulance service. It could still be ASI. It could be Wintersville; part of this ambulance service but it will all come down to us providing that group or provided with money. Now our fourth option is to have our Fire Department; our fire based EMS assist them starting with one ambulance; we would post that ambulance if anywhere out at the west end. The reason being is because that’s where we have the most room. We would start with one ambulance but we would probably buy two but we’re not going to buy two brand new ones. We would probably buy two used ambulances and you can get them at a very nice price. The reason why I’m suggesting the two is if one would go down we’ll have another one as a backup and further down the road if we would like to go further with (all

inaudible) we could buy another ambulance or buy something brand new. Here's one of the reasons why I think this would be our best option January alone we had 47 EMS calls, February we had 85 EMS calls, March we had 67, April we had 57, and May as the 11th we had 23 so that's a total of 278 EMS calls and every time we the City of Steubenville have EMS calls in our city we'd respond to that. Now that sends a fire truck and three firemen to that EMS call. Now sometimes the EMS call could be close to 30 minutes until we get someone to respond to this. When you respond to this our fire truck has to sit there so now you take one fire truck out of the equation and now we're down to two. We have a total of three that can respond to a fire but now we're down to two. So I'm going to give you another scenario if we would respond to a call where we would provide aid or you (inaudible) comfort until EMS arrives. They can no longer or they can't provide no transportation until an ambulance arrives so our fire truck sits there until an ambulance provider shows up. So we have a fire truck like I said out of the equation; that could be 5 minutes that could be 25 minutes like I said there's three fire fighters taken out of our equation. So if we had an accident on Route 7 at the bottom of University and there was a person in cardiac arrest right now we have two engines out of the equation so now we're down to one fire truck and this happens every time. So I am not saying that we are going to compete with ASI I'm just saying; well really there's nothing to compete with because some of the time they're not even showing up and we're sitting there. I can give you a scenario we had Dillonvale shows up, Wintersville shows up, Mingo shows up and recently on Belleview Blvd. ASI is right down the street not far we ha Unionport EMS respond to a call on Belleview Blvd. it was 45 minutes before we could get someone to respond to that call so and this comes from Unionport which is out in Belvedere. So I think that this would probably be our best option to go. You guys can ask questions. You can call ASI to ask. A lot of people talk to Carlo. As of yesterday when I spoke with Chief Capaldi in our email that we received from Melissa stating the department head report there was 24 applicants for the fire test. Well as of yesterday when it was closed we have 35 applicants for the firemen test as of yesterday 35. That test will be taken on June 4th. Out of those 35 we have 8 that are firemen 2 and are (all inaudible) but they are trained to assist in some way. We have one applicant that is a paramedic already; not saying we don't know whether we're going to hire him or not but out of 35 I mean that's a good start in the right direction. Now why I ask everybody to come up with a solution; come up with what you like here we need to move forward because of the funding. I know right now we have a hold on a lot of things but we can start discussing the way to provide the money for us to or whoever we're going to have provide us EMS service. I don't know if I explained that well enough. I guess I can answer questions but (all inaudible) the Fire Chief or anyone else would be but is there anybody with any questions."

Mr. Villamagna – "I like the idea of number four what you said I think that's the way to go. I'd like to get Dave Lewis I think we like you said we're going to talk about this down the road maybe get Dave Lewis to tell us in a couple weeks exactly how much money we have that we can put towards this and then go from there is my opinion and find out what we can put towards it and then get with Carlo for the grant part of it and see where we can go to try and do it as fast as we can."

Mr. Paul – "Right we know this probably won't be done until probably the end of the year if that but we're moving forward. We need to move forward because I'm hearing more and more stories of the lack of..."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah we need to get it started."

Mr. Paul – "Anybody else have anything? Mr. Petrella do you have anything?"

Mr. Petrella – "Yeah I think we definitely have to move on this. Pick a scenario and get pricing on it and move. I agree 100%."

Mr. Paul – "Okay Mr. Timmons I think you're next."

Mr. Timmons – "Yeah I like scenario four you know our Fire Department taking it on."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "I think we should move with option four as soon as possible."

Mr. Paul – "Okay thank you. After that it would be Mr. Dressel."

Mr. Dressel – "I would go with four as well and that would basically give us an ambulance that they could not only drive to the scene but they can stabilize the patient and move them to the hospital instead of waiting right. The time could go down."

Mr. Paul – "Correct."

Mr. Dressel – "So there's a lot of positive there and I think we're aware of some of the horror stories recently but clearly we need to do something."

Mr. Paul – "And even if someone says to me well what if you put it out west end; well even if you put it out at west end it's still a 45 minute wait from Unionport we're going to be there in 10 minutes at least and we'll get you to the hospital."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah 5-10 minutes anywhere I think is fine."

Mr. Paul – "Okay thank you I appreciate it. Mrs. Hahn."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yes I had one other suggestion. I was looking over the different possibilities of how the CDBG funding can be used especially the additional \$321,000 that's designated for COVID-19 assistance and my suggestion would be that we look into purchasing one of those used ambulances with some of that money. Now I realize the one drawback is that we'd have to document that at least 50% of the calls of that ambulance went to areas where people would normally would receive CDBG funding but especially if we got two we could designate one of those ambulances as primarily serving in that area of the city I don't think that would be that difficult but we could ask the Chief whether or not that would be something he'd be willing to do and if it's a used ambulance we're not talking \$150,000 it could be less than that which still leaves us other money from that (inaudible) COVID-19 fund money that's going to come to the city under CDBG. So that would be one of my encouragements and then I'm just thrilled that there are this many applicants. It shows that our move earlier was so essential that we raised those salaries and to know how many of them already have EMS training like even a

paramedic that's amazing. So that's very encouraging and I would say definitely we need to move with this fourth option and as soon as the Fire Chief could you know come with us you know how might we fund this. Is it possible through the safer grant? Is it possible through the city equipment fund in a year? Is it possible through the CDBG COVID-19 funding?"

Mr. Paul – "It sounds like we're unanimous we want to go with the fourth option is that correct?"

Council – "Yes."

Mr. Paul – "Okay alright."

Mr. Paul made a motion that we would move forward with the fourth option of having our Fire Department starting an EMS service provided by the City of Steubenville and have the Fire Chief, City Manager, Finance Director, and whoever else needs to be involved to get this started. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – "Yes Mayor just one thing. I'd like to report that the paving on Efts Lane (all inaudible) that crew is remarkably fast. They're going through there pretty quick. They got the base coat laid down and if the weather cooperates they should be done Thursday hopefully if not if the weather doesn't hold out they'll be done as soon as the weather breaks but they did a nice job so far and they're moving really quick. So that's all I have tonight Mayor."

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – "Two quick things. Willie OMEGA had a grant out for assistance with Fire Department stuff and I think including EMS stuff that I did send to Chief Capaldi a couple weeks ago. You might want to check on that funding and then I have a request and then Eric I think had something to add to it but is it possible for us to get a small utility update next week with maybe 5 minutes on water, 5 on sewer, and 10 on sanitation during your part of the evening."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Absolutely."

Mr. Dressel – "Okay then Eric did you want to explain your issue so they know what to bring."

Mr. Timmons – "Yeah I didn't know if we wanted to bring this up in a committee meeting or how we wanted to do it. I do still have an issue with that dumpster that's at the corner of Estelle and Oxford. I will send everybody some pictures but what I would like to see is I've been told there's no ordinance against having a dumpster in the street like that so I'd like to see if we can make an ordinance or tweak it to where that's prohibited. So that's all I would like. I don't know if we can do a committee meeting or not Scott."

Mr. Dressel – "Why don't we do it during the regular meeting so we can avoid being on earlier and then to come up with language that Costa thinks is appropriate maybe we can add it maybe we can't. We have to take into account all the streets in the whole city plus all the alleys and decide how we would word something like that one issue so we should look at all of it. Okay that's all I had."

Mr. Petrella – "Eric how long has that dumpster been there?"

Mr. Timmons – "6 months at least. Probably longer. You know my fear is everyone starts doing that and putting it in the street. Yes you can drive around it but you know I have had some complaints."

Mr. Dressel – "Let's talk about it next week when we have Bob here."

Mrs. Hahn – "Yes we have a Parks and Recreation Board meeting tomorrow evening and we've changed the location so tomorrow night's meeting is still at 7:00 but it will be in Council Chambers. There will be room for some of the public to be able to come in if they want too and then Jim I was told you have some information if someone and some of the board members are going to call in. They're not going to be physically present. Do you have information for how someone in the public could be a part of that call?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "That line they can't. If the public wants to speak they can come down and speak. That line is for use of the board members and any of our Council people."

Mrs. Hahn – "Okay and there will be a presentation tomorrow from Flora for Stratton Martin who has been doing some volunteer work at Beatty Park and now that we've passed this resolution I think Lori will present something on what this means for us to have this account at the community foundation and how people might be able to contribute to individual parks where they have a real passion for it. So again the Parks and Recreation Board will actually meet tomorrow night but not at the clubhouse they'll meet in Council Chambers."

Mr. Paul also sunshine four ordinances. One is an ordinance amending codified section 145.08 of the administrative code (travel expenses). An ordinance establishing the City of Steubenville relocation policy. An ordinance establishing a written internal control policy for law enforcement trust fund accounts for the Steubenville Police Department. An ordinance repealing section 145.04 of the codified ordinances of the City of Steubenville.

Dave Lewis – "The three policies that we're bringing in from the auditor's recommendation and then there's one codified ordinance change regarding residency requirements that Mr. Mastros discussed with me. So any questions I'd be happy to answer them."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "I have questions on the travel policy. I'm looking through and it's for the hotel rooms. The person will be reimbursed for the hotel and any incidentals what do incidentals consist of?"

Dave Lewis – "It would just be the hotel. We typically wouldn't be reimbursed for incidentals. In the policy it references that the employee would use their own credit or debit card to reserve the room and the hotel usually ask for a personal credit card just in case there are incidentals charges which we typically do not reimburse for."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Okay but it looks like the way it reads it looks like a person would get reimbursed for incidentals. Like (inaudible) hotel using a personal credit card holding the room and cover any incidentals. The

city reimburse the employee the cost of the room and any parking fees charged by the hotel during the hotel stay.”

Dave Lewis – “Yep. That’s your two items. Some of the bigger hotels in Columbus do charge a parking fee in the downtown part of Columbus.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Is there a seal on how much a person can pay for a room and get reimbursed?”

Dave Lewis - “When you read through it a little more it does say they should be getting a single or they should be getting a smaller room if available. Most of our rate like when we go to conferences they’re usually in the low 100s. We usually get a pretty good rate overall. ”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “When I get emails; I got emails from Costa and you but on my computer I got them from everybody else; I only got the header from Costa and I only got the header from you with no ordinance. I don’t know if; I know Costa was having trouble with his email but anyways my question is I’d like to have if there was any policy prior to what we’re talking about what it was and what we’re changing the policy too under the three that were policy changers but I don’t understand the 145.04 with the residency rule. Can you tell me what we’re repealing and what’s going on there?”

Mr. Mastros – “As Dave was saying Mr. Villamagna it’s an update. So that ordinance 145.04 requires that all officers and employees of the city be residents and electors of the city and that ordinance there’s no enactment date on it but it’s decades old. I mean decades and decades. In 2006 the legislature passed the revised code section I think its 9.481 and it was a prohibition of residency requirements in a municipality. That all held up all the way to the Supreme Court of Ohio so we were cleaning up it was either 2018 or 19 I can’t remember we were cleaning up the administrative code and we cleaned up a few and we were going to keep moving on. This is one that Dave and I found and it just got kind of lost in the shuffle of things so when we were updating new policies I kind of stumbled upon it and I just said we may as well just start cleaning up the administrative code again so that’s where that is.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It was never changed in what it was huh Costa it was never changed?”

Mr. Mastros – “Correct it was never changed after 2006. It just stayed on the book.”

Mr. Villamagna – “For Dave Lewis I have another question for Dave here. You said that people have to use their own credit card when they (all inaudible). Why do we do that?”

Dave Lewis – “Well we only have two cards one is the City Manager’s card one is the Finance Director’s card. We try to minimize the activity. Typically when someone wants to travel Jim and I would have to provide our driver’s license and sign off giving them authorization to stay in the room on what they perceive as our card because it’s in individual’s name. So it’s a lot simpler for them to make the reservation put it on their card you know to at least hold it; there’s language in that ordinance that would allow us to (inaudible) city issued check that they can take to the hotel so that the charges don’t actually post to their card but at least; we’re asking them to hold the room on their card and if they cancel you know it’s their responsibility to cancel the reservation with the hotel.”

Mr. Villamagna – Okay. Thank you that’s all I have.”

Mr. Petrella – “What is the relocation ordinance?”

Dave Lewis – “Again it was recommended by the auditors that we established a procedure for business’s were hiring; hired somebody at director level or city manager level that they asked us to put something on the books to outline what we would reimburse just to prevent any large moving expenses if and when we’re hiring someone at that level from you know another community.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay thank you.”

Dave Lewis – “Not an ordinance we would use. I don’t think we have them come up to often. It has happened at least once but it’s not something that we would have come up too often.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “So my question under the property under code 2981.12 and 13 what are those codes? What do they mean?”

Dave Lewis – “I’m not sure what you’re referring too.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “For Police holding property. Let me go to it.”

Dave Lewis – “You’re regarding to Law Enforcement Trust Fund.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Right.”

Dave Lewis – “I might have to look those up for you.”

Mr. Paul repeats one of the ordinance.

Dave Lewis – “The ordinance outlines how we’re going to handle the money; how the police is going to handle it (inaudible) money forfeitures coming in.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Property is no longer needed pending the time it is no longer needed as evidence or for other lawful purposes and shall be disposed of per to 908.12 and 29813. So how do they dispose of it then?”

Dave Lewis – “I might have to get back to you on that one.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay it’s under custody of property letter A in that paragraph. So what do they do now? Maybe I can ask that question that gives me an idea what do they do?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “To answer your question with the Police if they have vehicles and they have no longer use for it then they are auctioned off. A lot of times they’ll get vehicles that they’ll seize for transportation of drugs; they put a request in to put it into use; once there is no longer a use then it is put on the auction block and those proceeds go back to the asset forfeiture fund. If there’s fire arms they get court orders to have them destroyed or in the case that they are usable firearm and a proper dealer wants to take them in exchange to supply us with ammunition or goods that they have that we use to save us money we can do that with the proper court order. Just that answer your question mam?”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Yeah but it still doesn’t tell me what 2981.12 and 13 are though.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Is that from the Ohio Revised Code?”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I just said Law Enforcement Trust fund overview. It says section 2981.12 and 13 Ohio Revised Code.”

Dave Lewis – “I’ll get you a copy of the code.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Just the current update on today for the coronavirus statistics again we’re being sandwiched by two counties Columbiana County with 343 cases; Belmont County with 266 and Jefferson has 56. So give the concerns are because of the travel in between these counties we still need to be concerned with possibilities could happen down in our own county. We are opening up places here following to Governor’s recommendation which brings me up to all of Council here your thoughts I’d like to recommend start having our regular council meeting on June the 9th but I wanted some thoughts from you. What’s your thoughts on this?”

Mr. Paul – “I’m fine with that.”

Mr. Petrella – “I’m fine with that.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah I’m fine with that. I would go earlier if you guys want too but I’m fine with what everybody else says.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah I’m fine with the June 9th date.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “June 9th is fine with me.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well I’m probably the only one with an issue but I did send you guys an email suggesting we hold it somewhere else so that we have a little more room. I’m fine with meeting what I’m not fine with is being within two feet of somebody else.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Dressel prior to us opening up for Council it’s probably going to be in the next couple of weeks I’m going to have the court room completely sanitized. There’s enough room there to spread out Council that’s the first concern to make sure that you are far enough apart at least 6 feet.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay that’s fine. I’m good then.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “These are the things we can also do; anyone that comes into that room there must be wearing a mask again there are safety precautions is what they are so again you wouldn’t of known this but we’re also sanitizing our whole lobby area of the city building the foyer and sanitizing some other areas of the city building that outsiders have come into but just so you know this is good for that day. The next day if someone walks in there and is infected and we don’t know so this is something I’m looking into. We can require anything we want to come into our building. We own it so if it’s requiring anyone that comes in our building must wear a mask then they’ll have a mask on. Right now if you go to some stores they’re demanding that masks be worn or don’t come in. So again I’m just putting this out now; getting prepared to open this up but I think it would be better all the way around once we can do this; be together again but use the safety precautions that we need.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay that’s fine then thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay sir and I’ll make sure that if we go with the masks a mask will be supplied to all the council people.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I’m fine with June 9th.”

Mr. Timmons – “Can I ask a question Jim? Will there be an option of calling in still be available if somebody doesn’t want to come in on June 9th?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Absolutely. I mean again this is our (inaudible) that’s set up to do this from the statues that have come out with this until they completely change these and I’ve been a big proponent of this and you’ve been on vacation or something like this but it didn’t allow for that but again absolutely you can call in.”

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah because I think we should have that option because I understand and I completely understand people not wanting to go in public so if they have the choice I would like to give that to anybody that doesn’t want to come in so thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “As long as we are under this conditions we have to operate under and I see no issue at all. Costa do you with this if they want to call from home?”

Mr. Mastro – “I do not because I think that legislation went until; the remote meeting went until I’ll have to double check but at the minimum July 31st so yeah we would be okay for a while and it can be extended by the Director of Health so we’re okay at least until that point.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay and just so Council knows I had the talk with the City Manager from Weirton on another matter. They met the other day; all of Council was there in the chambers again it’s their call on how they want to operate but again they’ve made the decision s I’m going to have some adequate times so we can watch and see our statistical data is and make sure that we clean what we have to get cleaned and Judge Mascio is in full support of us waiting until then. Which again we can use the Council Chambers as we see fit. And Mr. Timmons did you request a committee meeting next week or was it Willie in regards to our trash pickup?”

Mr. Paul – “No Jim I thought Eric wants something. I don’t know. I’m not sure.”

Mr. Timmons – “No I’m good.”

Mr. Dressel – “What I had requested that during your update Jim next week if we could have 5 minutes on water, 5 on sewer with how those programs are going like the west end water tank and whatever else and then

10 minutes or so on the trash dumpster issue; to see if we should really change the ordinance or maybe if we could just get that property owner to put their dumpster somewhere else.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay I think we can handle what you need under my time that’s fine. Just so Council knows right now we already did a preliminary check with Dave. We were doing pretty good financially for the month of April. They’re finishing up reports and we should have them within the next week or so and our actual loss of revenue is not that bad for April.”

Mr. Dressel – “May might be a different story.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yep you’re correct. May, June, and July. Okay that’s all I have Mayor.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “Signing in under miscellaneous we have Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes you’re Honor. I used one of my bulk pickups for this year and when I called down there they provided me with a four yard dumpster which I thought was a good idea on Bob’s part to do that and it worked out really well because everything I needed into the dumpster and maybe a couple big items on the side of it and this will help our workers also especially when it comes to workers comp and that. They just come up take the dumpster and dump it and it relives our workers from handling all the big bulk items during that. I just wanted to make Council aware of that and I thought it was a very good idea. That’s it for tonight.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yeah I just had two things that I wanted to mention. One of them is Nicole Balakos who’s our Jefferson County Health Commissioner is having her next conference call tomorrow from noon to one. I don’t know if anyone on Council has a commitment that you aren’t free that if you have any questions that you would really like asked if you want to call me or email me I would be really happy to be able to present those to her. They’re very comprehensive in the paperwork that they’ve been sending out guidelines for various kinds of businesses adjusted for those particular businesses and other kinds of updates but then she also just takes questions. Now if you are free I would highly recommend getting online and hearing the report. I think it’s very helpful and then the other thing that I wanted to mention was just a word of gratitude. I had an opportunity to be a part of the task force that Bishop Vonthorton put together relative to the Catholic churches in our particular diocese which goes much broader than Steubenville and he has made the announcement that daily masses are going to resume on May 18th and then we should be having full (inaudible) Sunday masses starting the weekend of Memorial Day and there are many guidelines. It’s a very thorough presentation to the various pastors and then they’ll figure out the ramifications for their particular congregations but they will be able to be at 50% capacity and I just wanted to say a particular word about our Governor unlike a few other states our Governor has been very careful to not tread on constitutional rights and so instead of (all inaudible) what they had to do in the state what he did was offer them guidelines and he said you know we really need you to take this seriously but he didn’t dictate things and he gave pastors whether they were you know protosun, catholic, orthodox, or other religious leaders that really gave them the freedom to take the responsibility on themselves for their people in their community and I am very grateful for his leadership at every level including really respecting the rights of origin. So anyway I’m pleased to make that announcement and honored to be a part of that task force. Thank you very much.”

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