

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
June 30, 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 members Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, & Hahn.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Assistant Law Director Bernie Battistel, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, & Linda Harris from the Herald Star.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for June 23, 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. 2020-37 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-96, THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL COURT DEPARTMENT ONLY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2020-37. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-37 please state your name.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-37 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on July 30, 2020.

NO. 2020-39 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

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.

NO. 2020-40 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re honor I have a few ordinances I’d like to bring in. The first one is under finance and it’s for the quotes for the ambulances and equipment that Chief Capaldi has come up with a supplier. We need a lease agreement to sunshine and this needs to be an emergency the agreement would be for two new ambulances also the additional costs for certain equipment. It would be a three year lease agreement consists of (inaudible) with the first payment being after one year. We would purchase this is three years’ time. We would have one year to make our first payment. Chief Capaldi and I were talking today and he said what we could do is after the first year we could use the money that he has set aside. He’s also looking into a billing company for us for him and the Assistant Chief Ribar and what they would do the first we would use the money from the proceeds that we’ve made from the first year of operation and we’d put that towards our ambulance service and also the costs of monitors and chairs.” Mr. Paul sunshine an ordinance to allow the City Manager and the Fire Chief to enter into a purchase agreement with 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment.

Mr. Paul – “If anyone has any questions Chief Capaldi is here and we need to make this an emergency for the fact that we need to progress in our billing; without this we need the actual VIN numbers for the ambulances because they have two ambulances that are ready to go and it would probably take us four to five months if we let these two go and we wouldn’t get this thing started until January. Chief Capaldi believes they could get this going by September.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Is it possible for the Chief to send us something to read through before we meet next week or could we even set up a Finance Committee before we meet in Council so he could walk us through it just so we can understand the details.”

Chief Capaldi – “Yes I’ll definitely send something out to everyone by email in the next day or two outlining what (inaudible) here.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And do you need to also have Mr. Lewis line up whatever we need to have a special fund designated so when the ambulance service is paid it will go into that fund and it will be held until we need to pay the bill.”

Chief Capaldi – “I’ve been in contact with Mr. Lewis about that. He also has a copy of the email that I sent to Willie today about the ambulances and the equipment. Yeah we will talk about that and I’ll get you guys something on email before the vote next week.”

Mr. Paul – “Any other questions?”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I have a question. There’s a lot of COVID grants that are coming out are we wondering if we can also look into COVID funding for the ambulances also?”

Chief Capaldi – “Yes I did talk to the Finance Director today about that; we’re looking into it; it’s going to be hard. I don’t know if we can stretch COVID funding into why we need two ambulances but we’ll research every avenue we can.”

Mr. Paul sunshine another ordinance under finance an ordinance approving and authorizing the acceptance of Coronavirus Relief Funding under the Coronavirus Aide, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Ohio Senate Bill No. 310, affirming the expenditures of said funds by the City’s Finance Director to establish multiple Coronavirus Relief Funds, if necessary, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Paul – “The reason why this is an emergency is because the money will be going into the County this week and we need to have these funds set up for next week I mean. Is there any questions on this? Okay now we received the month end report for May and I asked Dave Lewis to be on the phone tonight. So Dave is there anything you’d like to inform us on or does Council have any questions?”

Dave Lewis – “I just wanted to go over a few highlights from the May report so again this is as of May 31st so we’re about another month in and we’re getting ready to finalize June but this is where we stood at the end of May. I’ll start with income tax collections at May of 2020 compared to May of 2019 was the month that we’ve seen a real impact income tax wise from the Coronavirus. Tax collections were down \$413,571 or approximately 36.36% also I had preliminary numbers pulled for you for June; we’re getting ready to finalize the month of June but collections were down \$273,756 when you compare June of 2020 to June of 2019 or 27.17% so just to give you an overall picture for the first half of the year; first six months of the year when you compare 2020 to 2019 the city’s collections were down \$566,615 or 11.37%. Any questions so far on income tax collections? Going through the reports real quick overtime ideally would be under 41.67% at the end of May. Just about all of our departments were under the 41.67%. Staffing has been one area we’ve really reacted on with the decrease in revenue according to the report you have on budget and filled positions the city is down 15 positions; we’re just trying to reduce our payroll costs primarily in the general fund because of some of the loss in funding. We have be reacting since the shutdown started but overall with all the positions that we’re down but with the savings that we’ve had from the mild winter and we’ve decreased the number of demolitions this year and we’ve got some savings because the pool wasn’t opening we’ve got about \$500,000 in savings so far. We’re trying to offset these reductions hopefully they don’t continue at the 28 or 35% because we’ll be in trouble pretty quick so we’re hoping things eventually open back up soon. Utility collections you’ll see in the report that we were down in utility collections quite a bit; \$209,000 in the water fund; 235 in the sewer fund and 19,600 in sanitation fund a lot of that had to do with no bills; every three months we have a week where no bills go out. Basically in the 12 months in a year times 4 cycles is where 48 bills go out and then 4 weeks during the year bills do not go out so no bills went out on May 1st which means there’s not much coming in the week of the 18th to the 22nd so we had a low collection week because no bill week so it put the numbers a little lower then you’re used to seeing. Other than that that’s all I had on utility collections; if anybody had any questions and then I’ll circle back on the tax budget for you.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well real quick on utilities you’re going to go ahead and start shutoffs again on the 11th?”

Dave Lewis – “That’s correct. Yeah we’ll begin the shut off process through giving the pending notice of the shutoff and there will be information for anybody who has a back bill to establish a payment plan.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I notice that last month and the month before we had an increase of customers so I was really hoping that would make a good positive impact on the various utility collections but maybe the no bill week is why it explains why it is down. (All inaudible).”

Dave Lewis – “The no shutoff order impacted it too to some degree. Most of our customers did pay though fortunately.”

Mr. Dressel – “I had a quick question on the tax budget you’re actually estimating our income tax revenue to be down by a million three over this year; of course this year is up in the air but I mean that’s what you’re actually putting out there right?”

Dave Lewis – “Yeah at this point we are projecting a 10% decrease for 2021. (Inaudible) we usually see about a 2 ½ % increase so based on what we’re seeing on the unemployment rate and the unemployment rate is where we’re expecting about a 10% decrease at this point of course a lot of things are still in motion and will be for a while but at this point in time that’s our best guess on what data we have.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay well hopefully September is clearer before we start budget.”

Dave Lewis – “I hope so and I hope it takes a positive turn overall. The other thing that I want to touch on is we are starting the process of notifying anyone who would have a pending utility lien; we sent out 54 notices; when

these reports were done we had sent out a total of \$18,210 in pending liens; \$3,456 was paid at the time these reports were issued. As of today we're up to a total collection of \$6,352; well 35% of them have been paid leaving a balance of \$11,857 and we'll continue to collect on those and if we don't collect one we'll be filing the liens in the fall."

Mrs. Hahn – "So what we're going to pass; filing the proper paperwork for us to be able to get the CARES Act monies is that the federal money that's coming through the State of Ohio or is it the same as money from the rainy day fund and is there any conversation that you're aware of whether or not local municipalities small cities are going to be able to get some of that rainy day fund to be able to offset the hit we are taking?"

Dave Lewis – "I have not heard on the rainy day fund. The CARES Act we are in the process of receiving the initial payment which will be \$742,000 which we expect this week. It is highly restricted and that's why we were asking to be able to establish multiple funds. We consulted with our outside auditors; that's what they recommended because the initial payment is highly restricted some of the other payments may have different restrictions or a lot less restrictions. I haven't heard anything on the rainy day fund and the initial amount unfortunately can't be used on any of our revenue losses. It can only be used to COVID related items and I even bet we're not included in our 2020 budget."

Mr. Villamagna – "Quick question you said you're projecting; which we don't have any way of knowing that which I understand but projecting 1.3 million dollar loss in revenue; these two ambulances that we're buying to start the ambulance service are we okay with this?"

Dave Lewis – "A lot of unknown Bob. The plan is to pay with the payments us revenue that would come in from the billing company. A little over a hundred thousand was what I seen was the payments were going to be. So he was expecting to get enough to come in to cover the cost of the ambulances."

Mr. Villamagna – "So if that doesn't happen are we still okay?"

Dave Lewis – "Well it really depends on the next month's going into 2021 as we see what our income tax collections drop by. I mean right now we're staying anywhere between 28 and 35%. We think we'll start to level out going into next year. I mean we have decent reserves the city has lived within its means for many years now. We've had a lot of good years but it is a concern you know the timing to get into this ambulance business is not a good time with everything going on with COVID but you know."

Mr. Villamagna – "Are you comfortable moving forward with it?"

Dave Lewis – "I'd be more comfortable if we had more stable revenue. I mean there's just a lot of unknowns at this point. I mean the payment is not huge. I mean it is concerning. I guess I wouldn't say I'm comfortable with it but it is a public health issue."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Bob can I answer this for you Bob? Everything that Dave has said is accurate. The numbers that we've been furnished with on the number of calls that's in Steubenville alone and the projected revenue if those numbers were accurate have nothing to do with the financial things that have happened now. We would have enough to cover our ambulances. The good part is we have one year that we start this lease before a bill is due so what that gives us is a year's revenue coming from utilizing the ambulances and number two on our financial situation to improve within the year. If we had to pay for it right now we have the funds to do it. We don't want to do that. We don't want to take our capital that we have in reserve. The statistics that I've been given from 911 I can definitely tell you the problem is getting worse it's not getting better so we're at a point here we've got to make the decision. I wish I could tell you it was getting better it isn't and that's a fact. I just met with the 911 Director over the weekend so his numbers are pretty accurate."

Dave Lewis – "Going back to the tax budget the income tax was the biggest reduction we projected. We also projected another 10% reduction in hotel/motel taxes and we also projected another \$220,000 reduction in interest in the general fund so in all the significant cuts from the general fund revenue but we're also including right now at 10 less employees at right now we can't afford to bring them on board. We are down at least 10 employees almost 15 so there are 10 less employees budgeted at this time so you know revenue starts to pick back up when everything nets together with the projection you'll see when you look at the 2021 revenue and 2022 expenses about \$450,000 shortfall going into 2021. Any other questions on the tax budget? We're just trying to keep all the city services going and as many people employed as we can to avoid any layoffs."

Mr. Paul – "I have a question. The CARES Act we have seven hundred and forty some thousand dollars you said that will be coming our way?"

Dave Lewis – "Yeah we expect it this week."

Mr. Paul – "Okay if we and you're saying this is kind of you can't just go spend it on anything right?"

Dave Lewis – "No it has a lot of restrictions and any big items we should probably talk to our Law Director about getting legal opinion on the use of it."

Mr. Paul – "Okay so we're not going to keep this money forever right? They want it back probably by the end of this year if we do not use it would that be correct?"

Dave Lewis – "They do. Yeah they want the money encumbered by October 15th of this year and if it's not encumbered we have to turn that money over to the county for other entities in the county to use and it has to be spend by December 30th of this year. We've out laid some money we can get reimbursed for various COVID related supplies and we have a few projects in mind there's still a lot for us to allocate."

Mr. Paul – "Okay that's what I needed to know. I'd like to thank Dave for his report tonight and I'd also like dot thank Chief Capaldi for moving forward with the ambulance service. Thank you."

Mr. Paul also sunshine an ordinance adopting a Tax Budget for the fiscal year of 2021 for the City of Steubenville, Ohio providing for a Public Hearing thereon, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – “Yes I have a few things tonight. I did want to mention the dumpster at the corner of Estelle and Oxford that’s still there and the grass around it is about 4 or 5 feet high. Also while I was up on LaBelle checking out the grass and getting some of the lots I found that there are; I think I counted 40 cars up on the hilltops with expired plates or there were some that actually had flat tires they look like junk vehicles and we’re always talking about the parking issues up on LaBelle and I think if some of these cars were moved that would alleviate some of the issues we have up there but there were a bunch of expired plates and like I said pretty much junk vehicles and then lastly I know I had a citizen call me today and I know Willie we have talked about this before and it’s probably not the best time when we get that report about finances but is Lori there tonight?”

Mayor Barilla – “No.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay I’d like to talk about sometime getting the dugouts at Belleview and I’m not even talking about anything expensive you know we don’t have to put one with TVs in them or bathrooms I’m just talking about covering the dugouts so that the sun isn’t; I mean it’s been hot the past few days and the call I got was those kids are sitting out in it. There’s no protection from the sun and it would just be nice and I know like I said Willie and I have talked about it before I think we were going to call some places to try to get some ideas for maybe like a tent covering or a tarp covering just something that we can do. It doesn’t have to be expensive. Something creative you know the volunteers have done a good job on those fields I think they’ve looked the best they’ve ever looked since I can remember and I think we owe it to those kids to cover them from the sun and see what we can do about that. I will talk to Lori about that as well but I would like to see that happen.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Timmons I will have Lori call you. There’s a project that is being worked on in regards to the dugouts on rebuilding them and this is based on grants and money that we have in the Parks and Rec budget so I will have her call you.”

Mr. Timmons – “I appreciate that so I can get back to my citizen. Thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Yes for the Pride Committee I don’t know if we have to sunshine it in or vote it but for printing an announcement on the water bill about getting the city to bring out a dumpster twice a year to people’s property because I was looking on my water bill today as a matter of fact and it has an announcement that the office will be closed on you know Friday blah; blah; blah. So you know can something be put on the water bill for the next three to six months about you know call and get refuge out of your house and your yard and put it on the water bill the phone number to the city and the extension?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The short answer is yes there’s a message that can be put on there. Again the one question I would ask since I’ve been born and raised here I knew when you had two pickups a year and this has been in the newspapers, it’s been on channel 9 that you have bulk pickup twice a year; you call to set up a thing but to answer your question is yes. The question is I will verify what the cost is it may be nothing or it may be several dollars per thing and I’ll have an answer for you and I’ll call you and let you know.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Dressel – “I don’t have anything specifically other than to add to the last question. One thing we could do is maybe put the sanitation rule for special pickup and charges for items on the website. I have not looked in the last few days from my understanding they still weren’t on the sanitation page. It might be helpful.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I have a few updates on Parks and Recreation so to Eric to your question they are; the little league is assisting Parks and Recreation working together on dugouts so we might need to come up with something temporary. I think the temperature is supposed to be above 90 all next week and they are just going to fry out there so I think it would be really prudent to come up with something but actually working on a dugout is in the works. Basketball hoops are up everywhere except for Northend Park. The problem with Northend Park is where they took down the hoops someone destroyed the backboard and that’s going to take more than one person to install that so when they are able to install that then the hoop will go back up at the Northend Park. There’s going to be a tennis tournament sponsored by the university we will have more details next week but there was a way in which they were hoping to involve the community so we’ll get those details by next week. The MLK Center opens July 6th and Lori is going to post the guidelines on the Steubenville Parks and Recreation Facebook page so people need to tune into that because there will be limits to the number of children that can be in there. If they want to play basketball they need to bring their own ball and there will be other guidelines and so the easiest way would be to have parents go there first before they are dropping off their children or bringing their children so when people walk in they don’t get a surprise about what the limitations might be. The splash pad was fixed. We thank Fort Steuben Maintenance for taking care of that so the splash pad is open at Jim Wood Park as of last Friday and that’s the report.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Just an update I had a conversation with our Health Commissioner this evening we are now up to 81 cases in Jefferson County. 80 was reported this morning and another one has come in so that gives us a total of 81 in this county. We have two events that are coming up this week Thursday is our 4th of July celebration with the fireworks as well as the amphitheater there. We’ll have another music group there at 7:00 and then the fireworks will be at 9:45 p.m. Again the social distancing will be requested of the participants as well as wearing masks that come to the event. Friday is going to be our First Friday but they are operating under the guidance of dining out which means having tables and chairs. They have four restaurants that will participate in this. The street will be blocked from 4th and Market to 4th and Washington. They will have tables and chairs to fit the number of people that are allowed to come in there. They will block the street

off at 2:00 p.m. because it is a holiday and our materials will be out Thursday afternoon so they'll have time to set them up and get everything properly set up for that event. I don't have to say that the numbers are going up in Ohio as well as the rest of the country for two issues, one the number of testing has increase across the board and number two people are becoming (inaudible) being let out and I hate to use this phrase but horses that have been crowded for months now have been let out and they are all over the place. The social distancing has failed in a lot of areas and this is the unfortunate thing. So again we've been very blessed here in our community in Jefferson County and due diligence of our physicians; the participants the citizens how followed and I just can't stress that enough if you're going to go into public gatherings wear your mask. Which brings this up that next Tuesday a week from today will be our first Council back or Council will be in Chambers. You will wear a mask. Any person that comes in for public forum or what we can allow in. Now things could change drastically after tomorrow the orders expire tomorrow at 11:59 p.m. hopefully the Governor or the Director of Health will come out with any new standards but the way I will operate what we have right now so we're limited on the number of people; Council is considered employees so again that doesn't go into our count for gathering. We can only let up to ten people in that room. One of them being the Chief of Police or an officer there, News 9 so we're down to eight other people that will be allowed to come in there. Clearly if we have a public forum speaker they will have preference to come in there. Anyone else will be first come first serve. If you desire to have a department head there please let me know or I can direct them all to call in whichever we need. I just need to limit the number of people that are in that room. We're gearing up here for the rest of the employees here in the City Building. We have (inaudible) supplies I will tell you the businesses here have been very good to the city in making supplies available to us and that's where we're at right now. Any questions from anyone? Bob did you have a question?"

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah Jim my one question is this Bryden Road on the bend there where that lady has all that junk sitting in the city right-of-way and it's still there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay a notice was sent out to her Bob and I'll follow up to find out where it is because I saw the letter that went out to her.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And some of that that is there is clearly on our right-of-way so we have the right to remove it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well that was my question don't we have the right to remove that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “If it's in our right-of-way. The rest we do not; if she falls under other ordinances we can enforce that and cite her into court.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because that's an embarrassment to that neighborhood and it really is. You've been by there and have seen it and it's really an eye sore. I get so many calls on that house for that but yeah if you could check on that I would appreciate it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes sir I will.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Last week when we spoke about the Health Dept. investigating infestation and possibly ordering actions. You said you were going to look into that and get back to us this week.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I did. One they do not do that. They don't do it. That's something they don't do. Now I also called our Health Commissioner that we use to have here Mrs. Runco and I had asked her about the situation we the city had the Health Dept. and again all she would do; no inspections were done by our Health Dept. but she would refer if they could afford it that she would refer them to different pest companies. If they could not CAC or other agencies in town would assist them in financing in taking care of the pest control but they do not; it's classified as a nuisance not a health issue and I also talked to the State of Ohio and it's a very grey area on any enforcement there and that's straight from the State of Ohio. So that's where we're at with that.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well then I have a question so you're saying that it's okay for people to have bugs. I mean so it's alright for them to have roaches and bed bugs that are oozing out of their house and infesting their neighbors? Were just going to put up with that as a city?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well unless you want to budget...”

Mr. Dressel – “You know that really makes the decision clear for anybody who wants to invest here. Right? The answer would be no then don't come here if you don't want bugs.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well again that's a decision we would have to make.”

Few People – “(All inaudible)”

Mr. Dressel – “They've inspected multiple times for me and they've actually cited people but I don't know where you're getting that information from.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I got it from the head of the Health Dept. Mr. Dressel. I would say that she would know what they did there.”

Mr. Dressel – “Yeah they're lying. They're lying to you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay now they're lying. Okay.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I have a question for you because I do remember that's how they did it but it's classified as a nuisance complaint correct?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That's what it's classified according to the State and what they had it classified as a nuisance complaint.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Now under the contract under professional services to be provided under Section F it says must provide nuisance complaint inspections and I know that's how we use to do it. We use to; we didn't do anything about it but we refer companies and stuff like that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That's correct.”

Mr. Villamagna – “If it’s a nuisance complaint then why; I don’t understand why they’re not at least doing that much to it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They will not go in and inspect but they will go to the outside of the place and they can bring it to their attention but they’re enforcement on them there isn’t one there for them. That’s the problem.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim that number 11 under professional services to be provided if you look at it, it says nuisance complaint inspections and I’m curious to what that means then.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That inspection is to the outside. They do not go inside the residents. I asked them.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So the outside?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes sir. I specifically asked them that question.”

Mr. Villamagna – “So is that what we did to then Jim?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We didn’t do inspections. What Nicole advised me; well a lot of the complaints that came from the housing authority and they would advise them who they could contact to do the extermination and when I was there that’s exactly what was done. They contacted a pest control agency and they came out and did the treatment of the apartment above them, below them, and the two sides.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay I got a question. Then if there’s nothing on the books so to speak can’t we develop an ordinance to address this issue?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The short answer is yes. You can always address an ordinance. The question is that’s the job of our attorney to do I have no problems asking Costa to do that and again I would only say you got to be extremely cautious going down that road because we’re already in litigation over another ordinance that was done. So this is why this needs to be done by our attorney and I have no problem asking him to do that.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yep and I agree whole heartedly with that but it seems to be a growing problem and we as City Leaders really need to address it and I think that our Law Director should research we can do and give us some recommendations to develop an ordinance for this and if this has to include an amendment to our health contract with the county then I think it needs to be done. But it clear that several Council Members have concerns about this. So let Costa do his magic and let him research so we’re on (all inaudible) and make sure that like I said if we have to make an amendment to the contract so be it but just setting (all inaudible) know when it comes to a health issue it’s unacceptable to me. That’s all I have.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Battistel?”

Mr. Battistel – “Yes sir.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Why don’t you start working on that because Costa won’t be back to work until next week.”

Mr. Battistel – “Okay I’ll get on it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you sir.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I have a question. For next Tuesday will we be able to come in and spread out and sit in the Pugh or do we have to sit around the table?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “You can spread out anywhere you want on the side of the fence that belongs to us. You can sit in the jury box or wherever you’re comfortable.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay thanks.”

Mr. Battistel – 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