

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 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 Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, & Anyabwile.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for November 4, 2020. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. Six (6) ayes, One (1) abstain; Paul. 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. 2020-71 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Dressel, Timmons, Anyabwile

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE WASHINGTON STREET/SUNSET BLVD. RESURFACING PROJECT JEF-43-(0.00) (1.06), PID 112678, CITY PROJECT NO. 2020-142 AND PERFORM ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECT.

NO. 2020-72 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING PAYMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR A 27TH PAY PERIOD DUE TO CALENDAR ISSUES IN 2020.

NO. 2020-73 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-94 TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 FOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF CARES ACT FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-73. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-73 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul – “I have a question you’re Honor. This is due to; we have to have this by November 20th correct?”

Dave Lewis – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay this is the additional the third set of Cares Act funds.”

Dave Lewis – “The second and third all come out in one ordinance.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay I wasn’t here last week and I wanted to make sure. Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Paul I have a copy of a letter that just came out from E.J. Conn that was sent out to all of the agencies in our County that received that money and November 20th is the due date.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “What we don’t have appropriated then will go back to the County.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-73 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

NO. 2020-74 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-93 TO AMEND THE REVENUE TAX BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 TO ADJUST FOR THE CHANGE IN

REVENUE RECEIVED FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY AS A RESULT OF SEEING ADDITIONAL CARES ACT FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-74. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-74 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I just have one question. Dave does this include the additional funding from Ohio for the workers compensation that’s coming back or would we have to do another ordinance adjusting for that as well?”

Dave Lewis – “No this one is just for the Cares Act because of the dollar amount. Now the money coming back from worker’s comp we’ll just adjust it on the final budget that you’ll be seeing here in a few weeks. We’ve actually have received; we received the second lot and the third one will come in December.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay thank you very much.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-74 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

NO. 2020-75 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Dressel, Timmons, Anyabwile

AN ORDINANCE TENTATIVELY AWARDING THE CONTRACT OR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SECONDARY AERATION SYSTEM UPGRADE AND PARACETIC ACID SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-75. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-75 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2020-75 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

NO. 2020-76 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRANT FUND PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS UTILIZING CARES ACT FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2020-76. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2020-76 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I really appreciate all the work that Costa did in drafting this and our hope had been that we would have this extra money available for non-profit use. As I mentioned last week we actually find out that pretty much at the last minute that the County money of the million dollars is available for both small businesses and non-profits and not wishing to simply side step all the work needed to be able to set this up and have it go forward what I would like to propose is that we not pass this resolution but instead find a way that we can affectively help to advertise the moneys that are available through the State and the County so that the people in our city who need that help and would have access to it will have the best access possible. I don’t know if anyone is aware of any kind of a brochure or handout; has anything been produced by the County?”

Mr. Petrella – “I talked to Mike (inaudible) who is handling that and actually the Chamber of Commerce put it on their website and they’re reaching out to everybody to do that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Are they doing non-profits as well as small businesses?”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. Can we post that on our City website?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes. What I’ll explain to you I’m going to do Thursday is I’ll talk to Zach and we’ll get that link up there on our website.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay and besides that we’ve actually have found some more needs of the city that we’re going to need to utilize that fund; the remaining of the funds for it. So thank you all for your support and I think we can still very effectively help our people if we can get that word out through the County.”

Mrs. Hahn made a motion to withdraw Ordinance No. 2020-76. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes so I have a couple of things. First of all the Parks and Recreation Board is not meeting tomorrow night it’s delayed one week since tomorrow is a holiday so the Parks and Recreation Board will meet in Council Chambers on November 18th which is a Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcomed. There will still be a Breakfast with Santa and Lori has worked it out so that it’s going to be a drive-thru breakfast and what we’re asking is that anyone in the city interested in being a part of this needs to call the city office; regular city line and the receptionist will take the reservations. So that number is 740-283-6000 and you can sign up for Breakfast with Santa drive-thru.”

Mayor Barilla – “Where is that going to take place?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Bellevue Park.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Then there is a grant that Lori has (inaudible) and she’s going to speak more about it. It’s a grant for the land water conservation fund to rehabilitate a trail at Beatty Park. It is a \$100,000 grant that would be 50% reimbursed by the City and then 50% would come from this grant and I think it’s important that she’d share the map that’s gone into how we’re going to come up with the 50,000 and so I’ll sunshine the legislation after you have the chance to address it.”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yeah so they just started this back up. This is a fund that has been going on for years and it stopped for several years. Now it’s permanently funded. So the least amount that you could ask for is \$100,000 which means we have to come up with 50 and we get reimbursed for 50 so your project cost is a total of \$100,000. I met with our Friends of Beatty Park group because they were very interested; I said to them I have no problem writing the grant and applying for the grant but they have to raise the \$50,000; that a shovel will not be put into the ground and we will not spend a penny unless that \$50,000 is in hand and we have it dedicated for this project. There was some questions or concerns about what if funding doesn’t come through? So right now I have got the Park Board is going to put \$20,000 of our capital funds towards it. I have two organizations that want to put money towards it. One of them has said he wants to put \$20,000 the other one has not said how much yet but it’s going to be up there. They’ve got quite a bit of money to put towards it. So the question was what if one of those two funders falls through and I said look until it’s raised and there are other avenues that we can go; I emailed today the State and said okay here’s our question what if one of the funders falls through? He said to me that if we don’t spend a dime then the funding is lost and we don’t have to worry about it.”

Mr. Paul – “What year? Next year?”

Lori Fetherolf – “So the grant is not awarded until the spring. You have two years to do your project.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. That’s key. That’s what I wanted to know.”

Lori Fetherolf – “It is key because so we get \$100,000 capital funds with \$144,000 next year of my money going towards the shared use path; I don’t have 25; I was going to originally ask the Park Board for \$25,000 for two separate years. I don’t have a ton of money because then I have nothing to spend next year at all. So I approached them about 20 and they said yes we’ll do 10 one year and 10 the next year. It is to rehab what they call the Orange Trail so it will become handicap accessible; there are some railings that are going to be redone; some tree removal so it’s extensive work so you kind of think what can I do for \$100,000? There’s a lot I have to submit a budget for it. I was very adamant that I want you to know not a shovel will be dug until that \$50,000 is raised and they were okay with that. They see that there’s; if one of ours falls through; I’ve talked to them today they said look there are other avenues we can go. We can put a plea out for it. We do have some money from an old Beatty Park foundation from Jody Globb that we can use to go towards that too but I was adamant especially with not with what happened with our discussion with the waterline. I wanted them to know they were not going to get into this without doing it. It is a reimbursable grant. So we spend the money just like Nature works we spend the money and then get reimbursed for our money.”

Mr. Mastros – “What’s the name of the trail?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Orange Trail. There’s Orange, Purple, and Jabby Young trail. So what it’s going to do is take the orange trail and connect the orange trail to the Jabby Young Trail and then it will feed back among itself. There’s (all inaudible) handicap; so because it’s so steep we can only have so much handicap accessibility because it’s up in a hill but based on what you do is every so many yards you have a turnaround and then every so many yards you have to have a bench for people to rest which we don’t have right now.”

Mayor Barilla – “The Friends of Beatty Park to raise money is that a non-profit organization?”

Lori Fetherolf – “It is not. The money goes; like they make donations that they give it to me and then I give it to Dave and we put it in a fund and then some of them give donations that go into our foundation that the Parks and Rec Board has.”

Mayor Barilla – “So when they ask for money; they usually get a tax?”

Lori Fetherolf – “What you can get from donating to the city. We are non-profit.”

Mayor Barilla – “Okay so being donated to the city rather than the Friends of Beatty Park.”

Lori Fetherolf – “Right. Correct. And (all inaudible) great too I want to say it’s \$15.00 an hour for each volunteer that does stuff so most of this work 90% can be done by volunteers. So I printed that out and it’s not very many hours that you can get quite a bit of money build up in there so those hours count as well.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And there’s some materials I think that people were thinking about donating.”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yes there’s a lot of time and material; there’s a rail on one of the streets that they want to get back up that’s been donated; that will all account towards it too.”

Mr. Paul – “We have restrooms down there correct?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yes.”

Mr. Paul – “Do we have electricity to those restrooms?”

Lori Fetherolf – “No.”

Mr. Paul – “So in other words the no touch; well the dryers those are out of the question but your toilets run off of batteries; AA batteries. Is there any way that we can get some COVID funding for Lori down at Beatty Park through no touch.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “If you’re asking to put in different switches and things that elevates touching things then it would fly because it’s stopping you from putting your personal fingers on anything. A lot of the places you see now you wave your hand underneath they don’t want you touching the devices and that’s how they do it. Just like our faucets here in our main bathroom.”

Lori Fetherolf – “I’ve been working on that with Dave.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay.”

Lori Fetherolf – “For all the parks. That’s for sinks and toilets at all of the parks.”

Mr. Paul – “Very good.”

Mr. Petrella – “My question is you said that they can donate to the city. Do they donate to the city or do they donate to the foundation?”

Lori Fetherolf – “They can do either or and I’ve got some of each. There is some money that’s put in the foundation and (all inaudible) \$800.00 was donated through their last event that I just put in with Dave. The difference being the foundation money is oversaw by the Park Board and so they say yes or no whether on how we spent it versus if I give it to Dave the group says of we’d like to have some brochures printed up which we did I can okay we’re going to use that money for it. So yeah there’s just a difference in how you spend the money. They can do either or.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Lori if you can get a little list for me of like any construction materials or any cement work that needs done; brick work or anything like that if you can get me a little list I might be able to get some of the unions to come down and help us out down there.”

Lori Fetherolf – “Okay yes I do have all of that because in the application there has to be a budget of what you’re going to spend.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes just give me a roundabout thing of what you need and then I’ll make some calls to see if I can make it work.”

Lori Fetherolf – “Okay. And all; any kind goes into that reimbursable part as well. So my hope is; is that our (all inaudible) spend is \$20,000 even if that if we can get a lot of volunteer hours we may not have to really pitch in the 50 (all inaudible).”

Mrs. Hahn sunshine a resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or the Parks and Recreation Director to apply for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program to be used to rehabilitate a trail at Beatty Park and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Paul – No Report

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – “Yes I already talked to Scott.” Mr. Timmons asked to have a Utility Committee Meeting next week on November 17th at 6:45 to discuss litter and the bulk pickups. He asked to have Mr. Bob Baird and Code Enforcement Officer Tom Dorsey present at the meeting. Mr. Timmons also brought up about having reflectors on the dumpsters like he has before and nothing was done about it.

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor I have four or five things. Mr. Villamagna sun shined an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1992-20, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Steubenville, Ohio by rezoning property owned by the Diocese of Steubenville and Brothers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, located at 609 North 7th Street, Steubenville, Ohio from “R-2” medium density residential district to “I-1” general commercial and industrial district. A resolution adopting amendments to the City of Steubenville’s F.Y. 2019 Annual Action Plan providing for the use for CDBG-CV Cares Act Funds. A resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager and Urban Projects Director to execute a sub recipient grant agreement with the Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc. for the use of CDBG-CV Cares Act Funds for the implementation and operation of a subsistence payment program in the City of Steubenville, Ohio. A resolution authorizing submission of an application for Financial Assistance to Jobs Ohio under the inclusive Project Planning Program for the proposed City Market Project. Mr. Villamagna also wanted to thank the veterans for Veteran’s Day that have served this County.

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Willie we’d like to go into executive session this evening on the ACSME contract. The good news is today we met with our brokers for our insurance for the city and again like everyone else has been looking waiting for the massive increase because of all the medical issues and we didn’t have that. We actually got a great savings on this. Now to a family plan they will actually be paying per month \$70.00 less so that’s a great savings but a lot of this goes to our employees; this was explained last year when we went with the brokers we did and the programs we did what you had to follow; don’t abuse going to the emergency room. Go when it’s an emergency not for a headache, a scrape but they went to off care centers; watch your pharmacies what you use and this has helped us out immensely on rebates that we’ll be getting back from the pharmaceutical side as well as the cost cutting measures that they use all year. So this is a tribute to all of our employees that they watched what they did so we were able to get an extremely good rate this year which again with everything that’s been going on I was just waiting for the companies but it helped us out immensely so all the employees will save something every month on their paycheck by \$70.00 if they have the family it’s \$73.00 for individual. We have as I said earlier we got a notification from the Jefferson County Auditor we have a week from Friday to have all of our requests in of what we want to do. We have a lot of things that we’re looking at it’s just a matter; we have to one have our P.O’s cut by that Friday but it’s also and Dave correct me is it by December or did they extend it to January February for the actual goods to be here?”

Dave Lewis – “Well it just says spent and it says December 30th.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay.”

Dave Lewis – “So yeah I think that everything has to be here and done.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “So again this is what everybody is fighting this across the board because all these manufacturing companies everybody is getting bombarded by requests. So again we have a lot of good suggestions and we’ll do our best to get them. That’s all I have.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening is Mr. Dressel.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay my question is or comment is that we (all inaudible) Nutcracker Village and we have yet to decorate the City Building or light it up. So is there something that we can do this year to make the City Building not look so dark during the village time frame in the evening from like 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Mr. Dressel I had been contacted by Terese Nelson she had brought that up and there are things we can look at; she gave me a price for the matter of lighting; our City Building does not have outside plugs and Bob correct me if I’m wrong does the old City Building have a plug set up there? Because we’ve used it before.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yeah between the buildings.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right between the buildings so that’s the closest plug that we have. So we’re looking at different things here and again it’s lighting that they would like to have up there so it’s a matter of what the cost would be and as soon as we can get that I’ll give it to Council. If you’re satisfied with that then we’ll go with that.”

Mr. Dressel – “Alright well it would just be a nice idea. (All inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No it’s a great idea of the fact that they’ve offered the manpower to put it up. It’s just a matter of the cost of the lights and what else we want to put up there.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes you’re Honor. Last night Jim and I attended the Jefferson/Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority; at that meeting Dave Hayes from the County was there and the County is putting a device in their furnaces to purify the air. It kills seven viruses including the Corona Virus. The units runs between \$2500 and \$3500 each and I think that the City should look into doing that for all of our buildings. You know the MLK building, the clubhouse, this building, M & R, Water and Wastewater buildings. Jim do you think we roughly have around 10 buildings plus?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right but we’ll have to; again this is a matter of what equipment is there but when I talk to the company I’ll find out exactly what they need information wise. I’m more concerned that they’re able to do this by December 30th. Is that correct Dave?”

Dave Lewis – “That’s what I’ve seen yes.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Alright but I’ll have an answer for you.”

Mr. Petrella – “So that’ll take a good chunk of that money and this is you know it’s coming out of the Cares money but more important than that you know I feel that it’s protecting our essential workers that exposed to this every day and it’s purifying their air in their work environment they have to work in so to me it’s more of a safety issue and to protect our workers than anything else.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to go into executive session following public forum to discuss the ACSME contract. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

PUBLIC FORUM

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

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