

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2021**

The 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 Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, & Dressel.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for January 12, 2021. Second by Mr. Petrella. 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. 2021-1 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2021 CDBG & HOT MIX STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.

NO. 2021-2 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2021 INSTALLATION OF ADULT FITNESS STRUCTURES AT NORTH END PARK AND MURPHY PARK, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.

NO. 2021-3 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Dressel, Timmons, Anyabwile

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2021 CITY STREET PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 2021-102, SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND REBIDDING THAT MAY BE REQUIRED, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO SAID CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

NO. 2021-4 – BY THE SERVICE 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 STREET SIGN REPLACEMENT PHASE 6, CITY PROJECT NO. 2020-144, AND COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY, UTILITY RELOCATION, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION/INSPECTION SERVICES, BIDDING SERVICES, ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, RE-BIDDING IF REQUIRED, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE.

NO. 2021-5 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-68, THE EXISTING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FIRE

DEPARTMENT BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS FROM 18 TO 21 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2021-5. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-5 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-5 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mrs. Hahn – No Report

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have an ordinance.” Mr. Paul sun shined an ordinance under Council as a whole; an ordinance to approve and adopt the current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paul also made a motion to go into executive session following public forum to discuss the ACSME Contract and the City Manager’s contract. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – “Yes I just had a couple things. Is Chris Petrossi there?”

Mayor Barilla – “No.”

Mr. Timmons – “Hey Jim if you could look into a couple things I had a citizen contact me and you know I think it’s a pretty good idea regarding the Paramount Organization that’s working with the city for entrepreneurs and I just wonder are they going to be doing anything by quarterly updates to Council and also there was a question that you have to live in Steubenville and do business in Steubenville; what if you live in Wintersville and own property in Steubenville? Can you be a member or just (inaudible) the program and I was just wondering if I can get answers on that. Thank you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’ll take care of it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Your Honor I just wanted to tell Jim because I always forget to call this in and bring it up. Coming in Hiddenwood; when you go in Hiddenwood off Efts Lane there’s the two lane road there with the divider on the exit side those pine trees are growing out into the road and they are hitting cars when they are leaving there and it’s on the city street. The tree itself is on private property but it’s extended into the street a good bit.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay if the tree is on private property then it’s the responsibility of the owner.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But if they don’t do it and it’s on our right of way then we have the right to trim it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well if it’s causing a hazard we can take care of the hazard part. I’ll talk to Bob tomorrow. Normally we asked them if they’re not going to do it then we got to do it because it’s a traffic hazard.”

Mr. Villamagna – “They’re probably a couple good feet out.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We’ve done this before we’ve had other trees on properties; we’ve asked them to trim it back; they don’t we go and do it then.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “On Thursday at 4:00 p.m. SVRTA is going to be meeting. They also they (inaudible) online and by phone so if anybody is interested you can give them a call for the details.” Mrs. Anyabwile also sun shined a resolution proclaiming the month of February 2021 as Black History Month.

Mr. Dressel – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. I attended the Health Board Meeting today they talked about our vaccines; they’re doing a lot of the vaccine programs this week. On Thursday they will have one at the Health Department on the second floor we will have one of our Police Officers there and we will also have an ambulance staffed with two of our people a paramedic and a (inaudible) person there just in case there’s any issues. They started with the 80 year olds as they go through that they will go down to 75, 70, 65, and then people that have special symptoms heart issues, diabetes, things like that they’ll make allowances for that depending on what they have left over. So hopefully it’ll be orderly and we have the people that (all inaudible) by appointment only and that’s why they have the people registering online and getting their applications in there where they will get a time to report and they ask that they report no sooner than five minutes and then hopefully this will go. I did talk too one of the State Reps today they are still looking for the missing 32 tests that we don’t know where they’re at. So it’s either in this count; they never got delivered but again that’s something I still want to get an answer too. National Guard claims they did 198 tests; the testing people said they got 166 so we’re missing 32 so it’s either a miss count or they didn’t get there I don’t know but it’s out of our hands. Our people did their jobs here; our Health Department here so it’s in the hands of the National Guard and the testing people that took the test down to South Carolina. I sent a request out to all of my Department Heads last week we’re getting those filtered in on the number of people that will take the vaccine should it become available and I’m checking on some possibilities again I’m looking; our people deal with every day they are out there and I’m going to see what it’s going to take to get our people to get the vaccine for them. Surprising there there’s a lot of people that don’t want to take the vaccine. There’s mixed emotions about it and I understand. It’s not forced it’s voluntary but again watch the statistical data that is up every day on the results of the people that have taken it. The ones that I have seen and read about and heard it just varies; everybody’s

immune system is different how they fight things that come into their body but right now this is the quickest answer we have and we're months away before we get our arms around this. Everybody has their opinion on why we're in the state we are I would've handled it a different way; I would've just made it a national thing with the National Guard and Army to get our people vaccine across the nation where the manpower would've been there. It's very difficult for States to deal with this and every state I've been watching and listening too is going through the same thing. The lines are unbelievable in Florida; they don't have enough vaccines and they are trying to get it out so again face masks, sanitizer, and staying a distance of where you're supposed to be just protect yourselves and that's the best thing we can do to fight this. We're doing okay city wide hopefully we'll finish up with ACSME tonight and then we have the Police and Fire that we will deal with and get that done hopefully within the next month or two and that's all I have."

Mr. Villamagna – "Did the Police and Fire expire already?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes 12/31."

Mayor Barilla – "Mr. Mavromatis would you repeat the times for the Health Department?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "The time will be 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and that's at the Health Department on Market Street."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's not for walk-in Jim right?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "No. No it's by appointment and Kroger is doing some this week; both Kroger Wintersville and Steubenville and Trinity Hospital I believe on Thursday and Friday out at PrimeTime."

Mrs. Hahn – "How are we doing in terms of new cases?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "A little over 4,000 for the total for Jefferson County. I didn't get my stats today. The stats are normally sent to me by the nurse and they're overwhelmed out there with these clinics so when I get them I'll let you know. If Council would like I don't have a problem with this as I get them I will send you an email so you have an idea when I get them you'll have them then. Just to give you an idea you'll have them before they get in the paper the next day."

Mr. Mastros – "I do want to remind everybody I'm going to ask you to go into executive session next week. We will get our outside counsel on the phone and we will talk about the progress we are making regarding the Zimmerman (inaudible) case. Thank you Mr. Mayor."

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

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

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Thank you sir. I understand about the vaccines coming but testing is also important and I understand that the clinic went well up at the mall a couple weeks ago. I would also like to suggest we do have one downtown I talked to Reverend Ashley and she said yes we can use the facility out on the corner of 7th and North Street. They have had successful flu shot clinics out there. They have two areas they can use what they call the green area in back where they always have people coming in to pick up school supplies, Christmas giveaways so cars tend to come either from 6th or straight up North or come and make a left into the parking lot and then they can leave right out on 7th Street so you know I'm also looking at downtown being more of a walk-in as opposed to the traffic that we might anticipate and it helps the people downtown to be able to get to those testing sites and maybe even a possible site in the future (all inaudible)."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay. (All inaudible) again I'll work with the Health Department on this. Where our biggest issue is going to be is manpower because they're trying to get these vaccines out as much as possible but I agree I would like to have another testing thing. I have no issues downtown and that's probably the most logical spot where you just said so we'll work on it."

PUBLIC FORUM

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

Mr. Paul sun shined two ordinances; one for the ACSME Contract and one for the City Manager's contract.

Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll call. All ayes. So moved; meeting adjourned declared Mayor Barilla.

ATTEST: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

MAYOR