

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 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 Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, & Timmons

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for February 9, 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.”

*Mrs. Anyabwile presented Evangelist Stinson with the Resolution for Black History Month 2021. A short bio about Ms. Stinson and the Resolution was read. Ms. Evangelist Stinson also gave a brief statement following Mrs. Anyabwile.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2021-11 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 3rd reading

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING STEELE AVENUE TO MUCCI WAY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-11. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-11 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-11 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on March 18, 2021.

NO. 2021-12 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1992-20, AS AMENDED, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO BY REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY STEUBENVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, LOCATED AT LOTS 2, 3 AND PART OF LOT 4 OF STANTON BOULEVARD, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, FROM “B-2” COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO “P” PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC DISTRICT.

NO. 2021-13 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR PROFESSIONAL/CONSULTING SERVICES UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP), SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL SUBMISSIONS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE MOST QUALIFIED SERVICE OFFEROR AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE.

NO. 2021-14 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER MAYOR DOMENICK MUCCI JR.

Mr. Paul made a motion to table Resolution No. 2021-14 for one week. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor I just wanted to let the City Manager know that I think the city crews did an outstanding job. The roads when I was coming down here tonight the (inaudible) are even clean on Market Street and everything they did an outstanding job keeping up with the ice; it was horrible but congratulations to them. And the other thing Jim was did our IT guy have a chance to look at any of that stuff that we gave him?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes and I called and I talked to the City Manager’s office up there so I’ll fill you in on that.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I have a couple things. The Parks and Recreation Board meeting last week did not have a quorum so they were not able to have the conversation about the possibility of opening Belleview Pool and what would need to be in place so they will pick that up at the next Parks and Recreation Board Meeting. On March 27th there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and so Lori is looking for any donations of wrapped candy. She’s going to collect it until March 22nd a few days before the egg hunt and people could drop off the candy at the MLK Center or the city building at the front desk and they will get it to Lori. So if anyone would like to participate and help us with that we will welcome the donations and that’s all.”

Mr. Paul – No Report

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Again Mr. Villamagna thank you I was driving around and I was staying in contact with Mr. Baird our crews were out all through the night and everyone had to suffer this morning through this ice and several other cities had it a lot worse than us because trees were down, power was out, we had minor areas in Steubenville that we lost our power. We had accidents without a question but again a lot of people followed the guidelines of what they had on the news if you don’t need to travel then stay home and give this ice a chance to work itself out but we’re clearly not out of the woods yet. It shows more snow coming and as I’ve said to a lot of people here being here five years that we’ve been blessed and we were due to get hit.

This is our year to get hit so our crews have been working out there. Our salt supplies is in good shape right now and we’re just getting through these next few days. So I figured we have about two more weeks and then things should be getting better from there. We’ll start getting our spring. That’s all I have Mayor.”

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you Mayor. As you all may remember we picked tonight to go into executive session again to talk about some pending litigation. I’m going to ask that someone make a motion to go into executive session after public forum so we may call on outside counsel and discuss our OCRC case with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to go into executive session following public forum to discuss pending litigation. Second by Mrs. Anyabwile. Roll Call. Six (6) ayes; Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, Petrella, Timmons. One (1) no; Paul. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Paul – “You’re Honor? How much longer are we going to go into executive session and talk about this matter? I mean I really think we’re beating a dead horse or however you want to say it. I’m tired of going into executive session; we’re talking about the same thing every other week; we’re paying this lawyer to get on the phone with us and that’s costing us some money but we’re worried about what we’re going to pay (all inaudible). I really think that we’re wasting time here. I say let’s vote on it tonight in public. I’m tired of going into executive session like I said and we’ll move this matter further and that’s it. We’ll get it done tonight. Well does anyone else want to talk about this?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Costa since Willie brought that up; Costa this should be the last time we go into executive session is that correct?”

Mr. Mastros – “It should be. We’re going to answer any questions that you may have and begin to finalize things.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because I agree with Willie we’re talking this now to death here.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah. Understood.”

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

Council Chambers were cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers were reopened for adjournment.

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR