

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 9, 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, Villamagna, Anyabwile, & Dressel.

Mr. Paul made a motion to excuse Mr. Timmons from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Utility Supervisor Lisa Knight, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for March 2, 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 – “I have one. It's a notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; a transfer liquor license from Jawahar LLC; DBA Steubenville Marathon at 302 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Steubenville, Ohio to Bell Stores Inc.; DBA Bellstore 1081 at 302 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Steubenville, Ohio. It says please complete and return this form to the Division of Liquor Control whether or not there is a request for a hearing refer to this number in all inquiries B TRFO 4246742; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mrs. Anyabwile made a motion to accept this letter and make it part of the record and that a copy would be given to Council, the City Manager, Law Director, Mayor, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2021-15 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 STB STR LLC, LOCATED AT 227 SOUTH THIRD STREET AND 235 SOUTH THIRD STREET, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, FROM “B-1” CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO “I-1” GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.**

**NO. 2021-16 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT, BIDDING AND SALE OF A 2009 DODGE DURANGO BY THE STEUBENVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT.**

**NO. 2021-17 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Paul – “Yes you're Honor I had a question last week but Mr. Mavromatis and Mr. Petrella answered my question. I'm going to make a motion that we accept this but if you have any we have Mrs. Anita Petrella in the audience tonight if you have any questions about this what we're going to pass tonight. Anita if you would like to stand up. Anita is head of the JB Green Team and if you have any questions.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I just have one I've been waiting for the electronics pickup. I think like lots of people during COVID we went through a lot of stuff in homes and so of course the recycling bins have been everywhere but some of these specialty pickups have not been planned so and I noticed it was in your plan to have them I wanted to know if it was scheduled and if not how soon you might schedule that.”

Anita Petrella – “The household hazardous waste we did that in 2020 even though it was COVID. Okay? So we did have that June 10<sup>th</sup> of 2020 and we'll have it again in June here and then in the fall down in Belmont. The electronic collection now it's Infinity electronics and they are located on the bottom level of the old Riesbeck's building so they did not collect during COVID and I don't know if they're ever going to collect again because they said we have to provide access for people to take their electronics. That's what is in our plan access and

you do have access by going down there. There is a fee and that's their fee not ours. So it is down on the lower level where the flea market used to be behind Riesbeck's."

Mrs. Hahn – "Is it possible to send those details to us so we can put that on our City website"

Anita Petrella – "Sure. It's all on our website but I'll be happy to have her send it to you too. No problem. And we do have our; we have the 27 public bins around the city that we also serve local businesses and schools and anything put into a school bin they get 75% of the fee back to the school. So twice a year we give money back to every student in Jefferson and Belmont County every school. So I think that's something that people don't know that JB Green Team does. We also have grants that are open now until April 1<sup>st</sup> for any nonprofit including schools are a nonprofit agency. Those are other extra things that the City of Steubenville we do a tire collection for every year. We don't have a date yet Jim and I but he knows its coming."

Mr. Petrella – "Anita tell her when the grants have to be in."

Anita Petrella – "April 1<sup>st</sup>. Lori always puts one in for recreation."

Mayor Barilla – "You've heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2021-17. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-17 please step forward and state your name and address."

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-17 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor's signature.

\*Mr. Mavromatis set up a zoom meeting with representatives Madison Phillips and Jason Kebel from Alert Media. They gave a brief presentation of how Alert Media works and how to use it and answered any of the questions Council, the Mayor, or the City Manager had.

Mr. Mavromatis – "We've been trying for several years to get a program that we can reach out to the citizens, Initially what the initial quote was \$11,400 a year for 3,000 participants which averages out I think around \$3.81. This is extremely cheap for what we're trying to do and we'll have more than enough messaging that we can send out. As we talked about how do you reach customers well we already have a data base that we can automatically reach in through our Water Department and we can download that so we're starting right off. Now when you say 6,000 customers it's not just 6,000 people it's those families that are that those locations where we have the water accounts at and as this picks up we'll naturally have more people that can come online either through our webpage or what we put out to them to access this which will naturally work. The more we get the lower the cost actually comes down even though it goes up but your per person usage goes down. So I know Council has been extremely patient with this but we've dealt with so many issues in this City these last five years that have been unbelievable and again we're finally looking into a system here and the beauty of it is we have a one year contract if it does not be what we need we can discontinue it."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well it's pretty simple Jim I mean there's only five items there that cover everything that really need to be said and done. You can isolate; I don't need to know that there's a waterline break on Lawson Ave."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Right but you clearly need to know if it's out on Sunset Blvd. going out to your house like we just had two weeks ago. So that would clearly anybody west of there would need to know that."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yes so you're isolating messages that are necessary."

Mr. Paul – "You know what I think is really good about this? When we need a boil order."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

Mr. Paul – "This is perfect for a boil order because there's a lot of times that those waterline breaks and people need to know to boil that water before they use it for cooking or something and some people might not know that."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's probably the most used thing."

Mr. Paul – "Yes I think it would be perfect for that a boil order advisory. So I like it. I like it."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And the other thing and this is just something because we just recently had a shooting case and point from the police standpoint if they're looking for a vehicle they can clearly send this out even though it may go to the suspect but it's out there and people can get that information immediately so there's a lot of different uses for it but the beauty of it all is we control it. The City controls it."

Mayor Barilla – "Also I think its great communication to the news media Channel 9 and the newspaper immediately which is very beneficial.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mrs. Hahn – "Yes just a quick reminder tomorrow night is the Parks and Recreation Board meeting here in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. and it's open to the public anyone is welcomed."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor I have one." Mr. Paul sunshine an ordinance under Finance. It's 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.

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Yes you're Honor." Mrs. Anyabwile sun shined an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2017-88 in its entirety and create new rules regarding the public forum portion of the agenda during Council Meetings.

Mr. Dressel – No Report

## REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. I would like to ask Council because of the cost involved its well under the procurement guidelines is there any issue from Council that I can proceed with this?”

Council – “No. No problems at all.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well I appreciate you looking at the literature that I gave you and again we are long overdue and I think this will answer what we need once we get this up and I have relationships with News 9 and the Herald Star they’ll play a part in this on getting people signed up for this and getting them into the system here so I’ll talk to Madison and Jason tomorrow to see how soon we can get a team or what we need to do to get us up and running on this.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah we’ve been trying for the last couple of years now.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Absolutely.”

Mr. Petrella – “All different things; reverse 911 everything so I think this is the way to go.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well I thank Council for your attention and participating in this tonight. I’ve been working closely with Andrew Henry the Health Commissioner on our vaccines their vaccines that they’ve been running out at the mall was inside the City of Steubenville so we’ve been a partnership there in helping them out on supplies, manpower there our Police and Ambulance Service there. That has worked out well. The State is lowering the age so we’re starting to get more and more people that we can get. We haven’t heard anything more based on the Governor’s report about Jefferson County and Steubenville about a mass vaccine and as soon as I hear anything on that then I will make sure Council knows about that. So they’ve been very good on getting our Law Enforcement people vaccinated since the Governor brought that on board so we’re moving along there. As we said earlier in our budget tonight and Dave was correct it has been the work of all of the department heads managing and watching what we spend. Tomorrow I am meeting with the FOP delegation to see what they are looking for we’re proceeding with that. Again as I mentioned to them as well as it has been with our ACSME people and also Fire I met with fire also to get those ironed out. They are aware of a one year no raise and the reasons for that. As Dave briefed you tonight that’s because of everybody chipping in on this pandemic that we’ve had to deal with on money and costs that’s been associated and what we’ve lost in revenue. So I’m hoping with this new influx of money that’s coming out that we’ll be able to tap into that and help us with some of our infrastructure issues that we continue to deal with here so there’s a lot of work coming up this year and again Council I’ll look for you to work with everybody here mid-June we can get back and see what we can afford to do for our employees but again I want the public to know every one of our employees has helped reduced the cost of what our city has been going through during this pandemic so I’m very pleased on how my department heads acted and the money that they have tried to save and help us get through this pandemic and that’s all I have for this evening your Honor.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I have a couple questions. Do you have the numbers on where we are in terms of COVID incidences and deaths?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well the Health Department puts the statistical data out. I’ll get you the most current one and it’s in the paper everyday where our numbers are at.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Do we have anymore COVID funding?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No. The Cares Act money has been obligated. When I talked about the additional funding this new bill coming out we don’t know quite yet where all that money will be earmarked for. Was it a billion?”  
Dave Lewis – “350 billion dollars.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “350 billion dollars is coming out and we just don’t know where they are going to earmark that too but hopefully it’s going to come in to city’s like us where we can help with our infrastructure and what it’s cost us.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Thank you.”

Mr. Mastro – “Thank you Mr. Mayor. As I mentioned to you all last week I’d like to go into a very short executive session just to brief you on the Healthcare litigation that we’re going through right now and the sale of property that I referenced last week.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to go into executive session following public forum to discuss the Healthcare litigation and the sale of property to Franciscan University. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

## 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