

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 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, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Parks & Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for March 30, 2021. 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 – “I do have two but I’ll read them after Ordinance No. 2021-12 is read.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2021-12 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd 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.

Mrs. Haley – “I have two letters. The first letter is to Teresa DiCarlantonio from Chris Petrossi. Dear Ms. DiCarlantonio: I have reviewed the above referenced application for rezoning in conjunction with Section 1191.03(e) of the Zoning Code, “Guidelines for Evaluation of Application for Zoning Map Amendment”, and offer the following comments regarding same: 1. The City’s Land Use Plan, as established by the Comprehensive Plan, identifies proposed future land use in this vicinity as commercial, with civic/institutional land uses to the east and south of the site; and large-scale multi-family residential land uses to the west; and commercial land use to the north of the site. 2. The proposed project includes development of ballfields and related facilities. Existing land uses in the area of the proposed project are residential to the west; public/semi-public to the east and south; and commercial to the north. There is a mix of land uses surrounding this site, therefore the project appears to be compatible with adjacent uses. 3. The City has the capability of providing public services to the site, the location is served by existing public water supply and sanitary sewer facilities. 4. The proposed rezoning will not create or contribute to known unsafe or hazardous conditions. 5. The proposed rezoning will not create an isolated zoning district unrelated to adjacent districts since the “P”, Public and Semi-Public District already exists to the east and south of the site; therefore this could not be considered “spot zoning”. In conclusion, based upon the above, I recommend that the Commission submit a positive recommendation to City Council regarding this application for rezoning. Sincerely, Christopher J. Petrossi. The second letter is to City Council from Chris Petrossi. Dear Members of City Council: At its regular meeting of April 5, 2021, a quorum was not present for the above referenced scheduled public hearing. Since State and Local law requires at least 30 days public notice of a hearing regarding a rezoning, there is insufficient time to reschedule the hearing and still comply with the 60 day mandate in the City Charter. The Charter states as follows: “Any matter so referred to the Planning Commission shall be acted upon by it within sixty (60) days from the date of referral unless a different period of time be provided by Council. If the Planning Commission shall fail to act within the time allotted, it shall be deemed to have approved such matter.” Therefore, as a result, in accordance with the Charter and past practice, City Council must consider this matter as if a positive recommendation was made. Attached for City Council’s consideration is a copy of the staff report prepared regarding the above. I request that City Council take into consideration the staff report regarding the above application for rezoning. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, Christopher J. Petrossi.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to accept the letters and make them a part of the record. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-12. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-12 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-12 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on May 6, 2021.

NO. 2021-20 – BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION – 3rd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 1195.04 AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1195.04 AND SECTION 1195.06 OF THE ZONING CODE.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-20. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-20 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. Six (6) ayes; Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, Paul, Petrella. Mr. Timmons at the time was not present in the room to vote. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-20 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on May 6, 2021.

NO. 2021-21 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE.

Mrs. Haley – “A resolution designating the Month of April 2021 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Steubenville. Whereas, the Federal Government has designated April as Fair Housing Month to be observed nationally; and Whereas, This year, HUD announced its Fair Housing Month theme as *Shared Opportunity in Every Community*. ; and Whereas, We come together as a community and a nation to celebrate the anniversary of the passing of the Fair Housing Act and recommit to the vision of promoting racial and economic integration. ; and Whereas, the City of Steubenville does hereby acknowledge the efforts of the Steubenville Fair Housing Practices Commission and its work done to help eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities; and Whereas, the Steubenville Fair Housing Practices Commission is very important to assuring equal opportunity in housing for all residents of our City. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio: Section 1: That this Council does hereby acknowledge that the month of April shall be designated as “Fair Housing Month” in the City of Steubenville. Section 2: That this Council does hereby encourage all persons who engage in the financing, sale, rental or leasing of real property to adhere to the principles of fair housing opportunity as embodied in Federal, State and Local Laws. Section 3: That this Council does hereby express its sincere thanks to those individuals comprising said “Fair Housing Practices Commission” for their commitment to Fair Housing in our City. Section 4: That the Clerk of this Council shall issue a certified copy of this Resolution to representatives of the Steubenville Fair Housing Practices Commission. Section 5: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by Council; otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-21 by roll call. Second by Mrs. Hahn. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2021-21 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

*Brief speech given by Mr. Villamagna.

*Also a brief speech by Mrs. Mattie Patterson and Mr. John Barnes.

NO. 2021-24 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE’S CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM REPROGRAMMING FUNDS.

NO. 2021-25 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS MINORITY HEALTH MONTH.

Mrs. Haley – “A resolution proclaiming the Month of April 2021 as Minority Health Month. WHEREAS, this year’s theme for National Minority Health Month is #VaccineReady; and whereas, the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) is focusing on the disproportionate impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on racial and ethnic minority and American Indian and Alaska Native communities and underscore the need for these vulnerable communities to get vaccinated as more vaccines become available. COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help us get back to normal, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to bring this pandemic to an end; and Whereas, the focus will be to empower communities to: get the facts about COVID-19 vaccines, share accurate vaccine information, participate in clinical trials, get vaccinated when the time comes, and practice COVID-19 safety measures; and Whereas, as more vaccines become available, there are steps communities can take to protect themselves until they can get vaccinated be sure to: wear a mask to protect yourself and others and stop the spread of COVID-19, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, stay at least 6 feet apart from other who don’t live with you, and avoid crowds. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio: Section 1: That this Council does hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH throughout the City of Steubenville. Section 2: That this Council does hereby call upon all the citizens of the City of Steubenville to observe NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH and to participate in appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by Council; otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.”

Mr. Paul made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-25 by roll call. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2021-25 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

*Brief speech given by Mr. Petrella.

*Brief speech given by Mrs. Cynthia Lytle.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor I have several. Mr. Villamagna sun shined five ordinances all under planning. The first one was an ordinance declaring the buildings and structures identified in the following sections of the ordinance to be an unsafe structure as defined by Section 113 of the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Steubenville, Ohio, and declaring such to be a public nuisance, and ordering the removal or demolition of such unsafe structures. Second by Mr. Petrella. Second was 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, located at 3100 St. Charles Drive, Steubenville, Ohio, from “R-1A” Low Density Residential District and “R-2” Medium Density Residential District to “P” Public and Semi-Public District. Second by Mr. Petrella. Third was 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, located at 200 Rosemont Avenue and 100 Etta Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio from “R-1” Low Density Residential District to “P” Public and Semi-Public District. Second by Mr. Petrella. Fourth was an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager and Mayor to sign a conveyance agreement with the Jefferson County Port Authority to effectuate the sale of two parcels of real estate to the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Second by Mr. Petrella. Fifth was an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute two conciliation agreements and consent orders with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and Amending Chapter 1175 of the Zoning Code, the Neighborhood Conservation District Ordinance, pursuant to said agreements and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Petrella.

Mrs. Anyabwile – Mrs. Anyabwile asked if the public for next week’s meeting had to sign up before the meeting to voice their opinions and ask questions on the matter. Mr. Paul and Mr. Dressel informed her that she was the Chairman for next week’s meeting since she called for the meeting and she can have them participate if she would like to do so and they would not have to sign up prior to the meeting. Mr. Dressel also informed her that all committee meetings are opened to the public.

Mr. Dressel – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes just one thing. Lori showed me a photo of the fixed up T-Ball Field and it’s beautiful at Belleview. So that is completed and you’re welcomed to just drive over even if you don’t have a t-baller playing and just take in the look of it. It’s beautiful and well done. Very grateful. Thank you.”

Mr. Paul – “I just had one question. Is that 7/10th money Lori?”

Lori Fetherolf – “That is correct.”

Mr. Paul – “That’s 7/10th money and it helped so that we could laser level that field correct?”

Lori Fetherolf – “Yes they removed (all inaudible) if you’ve been there it sat way lower. Removed a bunch of the outfield and (all inaudible) on the outfield so it looks like a major league field. It’s beautiful so (all inaudible) leveled it and put new bases and all that stuff.”

Mr. Paul – “That’s why I wanted to ask everybody to please remember to vote yes for issues 1 and 2. Please vote yes for issues 1 and 2. You have to vote twice.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. I would like to remind everybody, Council, the folks in the audience tomorrow the Jefferson County Health Department will be having a walk-up vaccine center at the 200 block of North 7th Street. They’ve got right now 200 already registered but they can take a lot more so hopefully the people will show up, walk up and get their vaccines and again if they haven’t pre-registered they don’t have too they will have them fill out the paper work there. So I wanted to make sure that Council was aware of this and our citizens that are out here so that’s all I have tonight Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla – “What time is that James?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “It starts at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. Yes Mr. Mayo?”

Royal Mayo – “It’s the single shot.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes thank you. It’s the Johnson and Johnson so it’ll only be one vaccine they need to have so this is a plus. Once they get vaccinated they are done. So thank you sir. Yes mam?”

Cynthia Lytle – “They have 600 vaccines. They have 200 registered but there’s 600 vaccines.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right. Exactly there’s more than enough for additional people to come up there. That’s all I have Mayor.”

Mr. Mastro – “Just one thing Mayor. Mr. Villamagna sun shined the ordinance regarding the Ohio Civil Rights Commission so that is an ordinance regarding zoning so that will have to be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation. In the email that I sent you the Planning Commission has 60 days to make a referral and this will be referred to the June meeting so we can put notice in the paper or 30 days’ notice and normally they have 60 days but under the Charter you can shorten that time if you’d like. I’m going to request

that we shorten the time that the Planning Commission has to consider this from 60 days to 30 days just because we have to move on this and you all have to get an answer to the OCRC so I'm going to ask that Council make that motion. You don't really need to refer it but I'll put it in there that it be referred to the Planning Commission and that the Planning Commission be given 30 days to make the recommendation instead of 60." Mr. Villamagna made a motion that the ordinance involving the Ohio Civil Rights Commission has to be referred to the Planning Commission for the June 7th meeting and that the referral be within 30 days. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Barilla – "We'll now move onto public forum and signing in this evening we have Michael McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre please step forward and state your name and address."

Michael McIntyre – 111 Shirley Circle in Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. McIntyre spoke about the meetings he had with Mr. Mavromatis and Mayor Barilla about trying to help and hire more minorities for positions available with the City of Steubenville.

Mayor Barilla – "Next on the agenda we have Royal Mayo. Mr. Mayo please step forward and state your name and address."

Royal Mayo – 544 Highland Ave. Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. Mayo talked about how he didn't understand why the State Highway Patrol was present in the City of Steubenville and also how the Steubenville Police seem to only patrol Wards 1 and 4 and no other wards. Mr. Mayo also spoke about why he didn't understand why he wasn't on any of the boards for the city when he was on other boards in the area. He also questioned why a few men that he named passed the Police Exam part but weren't hired to be a Steubenville Officer.

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