

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 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 Paul, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, & Hahn.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for April 27, 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 have two that I’ll read after Ordinance No. 2021-15.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2021-15 – 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 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.

Mrs. Haley – “The letter is from Chris Petrossi to Teresa DiCarlantonio. It says 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 Downtown Commercial, with similar proposed future land use to the east, west, north and south of the site. 2. The proposed project includes conversion of the former union hall building to an indoor storage facility and related appurtenances. Existing land uses in the immediate area of the proposed project are light industrial/general commercial and industrial 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 “I-1”, General Commercial and Industrial 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 Urban Projects Director. The second letter is from Teresa DiCarlantonio to City Council. It says Dear Members of City Council: At its regular meeting of May 3, 2021, a public hearing was held by the Steubenville Planning and Zoning Commission with regard to the above referenced application for rezoning. After comment and discussion, the Commission voted to send a positive recommendation to City Council with regards to the proposed rezoning. 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 recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission with regard to the above application for rezoning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, Teresa DiCarlantonio”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to make the letters apart of the record. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.”

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-15. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-15 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-15 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on June 3, 2021.

NO. 2021-32 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 2nd reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-88 THE “PUBLIC FORUM” ORDINANCE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I would like to introduce Mr. Jim Jenkins tonight our Water Department Superintendent and he would like to bring something up to us tonight.”

Jim Jenkins – “What we’re going to ask Council to do tonight is sunshine an emergency ordinance. We don’t like to do emergencies but in this case it’s needed for the press time. What this ordinance will be is to allow the City Manager and the City of Steubenville to enter into an agreement with the United States Army Corp of Engineers for cost sharing funding for the West end water system improvements. This will incorporate the water tank, the storage tank and new line replacements going down coal hill into Lincoln Ave. What the cost sharing is it’s a 75/25% split so what the Army Corp of Engineers does is they look at your overall project and they decide how much money they want to give you basically and they devise a 75/25% split out of that so the total cost of the project under the Army Corp of Engineers is 1.4 million dollars; a little extra; a little bit more than that. The total West end water system improvement project is a 6.9 million dollar project right now but they just look at their total project cost of what they are allowed to fund. So the funding will be 1.4 million dollars we will actually receive one million dollars of that so after the 75/25 split we get \$1,075,000; \$75,000 goes back to the Army Corp of Engineers for their services that they provide through the contract in the agreement. The Army Corp of Engineers will look at our design and inspect our designs from our engineers to basically make sure everything is what it needs to be so it’s kind of like having a secondary engineer look over the project to make sure it’s going to last and it’s going to be built correctly. We will receive one million dollars that we don’t have to pay back and with our expenses of \$358,000 we will receive a million dollars in funding for that project. We’re basically getting a million dollars from the Army Corp of Engineers which is a great thing and then other than outside of this ordinance we’re also still looking at \$250,000 ARC grant which we haven’t heard back yet from Columbus, it’s in Columbus for the final decision of that but this is for the Army Corp of Engineers to receive a million dollars in cost sharing.”

Mr. Paul – “You’re Honor I have something I want to bring up then. Thank you Jim for everything that you do. You do a great job for this city and thank you for bringing this to our attention.” Mr. Paul sun shined an ordinance under Finance. An ordinance authorizing the City of Steubenville’s participation and ratifying its prior participation with the Department of the Army Corp of Engineers, in the project known as the West End Water Improvement Project and authorizing the City Manager to act for and on behalf of the City in executing, accepting, or otherwise approving all documents, agreements, instruments, or other necessary papers, required by the Department of the Army for participation in the implementation of the project and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Petrella.

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – “I do have one thing. I’m just going to bring it up now. Willie it’s actually in your ward a resident contacted me and they said there was a waterline break in the alley between Wilma and Opal closets to Sunset there. Do you know what I’m talking about?”

Jim Jenkins – “Yes.”

Mr. Timmons – “They said there’s some dirt and dust everywhere and it seems that when cars go up a dust cloud; it seems like it’s getting kind of messy up there is there a street sweeper or something? Do they go in that area?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They don’t normally go into the alleys but they do go on the streets but this dust is in an alley?”

Mr. Timmons – “Yes it’s that alley between Wilma and Opal.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes it’s a paved alley coming down through. Yes I do.”

Mr. Timmons – “Exactly. Yes. It runs parallel to Sunset.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right I know which alley.”

Mr. Timmons – “But they’re asking if that’s possible.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well is there a water break there?”

Jim Jenkins – “There was a water break there. The mud probably did get on the street. The guys do try to hose down mud off the street when they are done. Whatever is left I don’t know what would be left now but we’ll check it out tomorrow to see if any remains.”

Mr. Timmons – “I appreciate it.”

Jim Jenkins – “With all the rain and stuff.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Let me know Jim.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. I have three ordinances to sunshine here.” 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 Beth and Patrick Warner, located at 117 S. 7th Street, Steubenville, Ohio, from “R-3” High Density Residential District to “I-1” General Commercial and Industrial District. Second by Mr. Paul. Mr. Villamagna sun shined a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Ohio Regional Development Corporation for administration services for the 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program and authorizing the submission of a PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program application with the State of Ohio on behalf of the City of Steubenville. Second by Mr. Paul. Mr. Villamagna also sun shined a resolution proclaiming May 15, 2021 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and a resolution proclaiming May 2021 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Both second by Mr. Paul. “The other thing I want to say is Chief that drug bust that the Jefferson County Task Force made

that's our guys too; great job; a lot of heavy duty drugs that could kill a lot of people was in that bust. So a great job to the guys and please let them know. The last thing Mayor was last week when Mrs. Hahn brought up the TIFs I got to thinking about it because I haven't dealt with them since we did them. I think we only have the one TIF if I'm right."

Mrs. Hahn – "I think so."

Mr. Villamagna – "Now I heard some disturbing news about that TIF after I started looking into this but they're not cooperating; the people who got the TIF are not cooperating with the city and not giving us any information and not following through with the guidelines were for the TIF. So I thought maybe Dave was here tonight and maybe you can check that out and see."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes."

Mr. Villamagna – "Because if that's true..."

Mr. Mastros – "That is correct."

Mr. Villamagna – "That is correct?"

Mr. Mastros – "That is correct. Dave can fill us in a little bit more. My office tried to intervene and to try to push the people to provide the information to us and stonewalled."

Mr. Villamagna – "Okay because there's some legislation coming up that is going to have a bearing on and I guess that we can maybe talk about this more; I don't want to say their name or anything like that but there's some legislation coming up that I won't be in favor of at all. It's a two way street if we help them they're going to do what their obligation is."

Mr. Paul – "I agree."

Mr. Villamagna – "When you said that I started because I forgot what they kind of were really because it's a little complicated so I started doing it and then I made a couple of calls about it and they're telling me this is going on and I said; so it is true thought?"

Mr. Mastros – "Correct. That's when I first started actually."

Mr. Villamagna – "That's all Mayor."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "I don't have report but I do have a question if somebody in the south end ward they wanted to know when is the schedule for the streets to be cleaned and the reason why is because if they go up the street they want to make sure their car is not parked in the way. So is there like a schedule when street cleaners come to different streets?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Which street does she live on?"

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Oakmont."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Normally what happens; that I can check on for you for a date; normally what happens is they go around the vehicles. Are you talking about with our street sweepers when they go out and clean the streets?"

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Yes."

Mr. Mavromatis – "They'll go around parked vehicles but I understand that she would like to have it where she parks her car so let me see and again I don't know if there's a set schedule but again if they know when they're going to be up there we can let her know. If you have her contact information please send it to me."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Okay because then like in the fall when the leaves fall and you know they gather on the street she'll want to be able to move her car."

Mr. Mavromatis – "I appreciate her asking. Just send me the contact information."

Mr. Dressel – "Yeah I have one ordinance to sunshine and it's under utilities." Mr. Dressel sun shined an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute a contract for Robert Disch as the Class IV Operator of record for the Water Department and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Paul.

Mrs. Hahn – "There isn't anything to report about Parks and Recreation. I did want to ask a quick question about that place that was demolished on Wellesley it has those deep crevices in the yard and I sent a couple photos to you and a couple like the addresses on either side of that. Did you receive that? I know you were on vacation."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yes I did. Chris was supposed to look into that. When they do a demolition they have to post a (inaudible). Now how long that bond is in place that's what I need to find out when did they do the demo and was that checked out by our people before they can release the bond."

Mrs. Hahn – "I'm pretty sure it was last year. It was a demolition that was that recently. Then I had another question which I don't know if you'd be the one to answer it or Costa or maybe a Council Member knows. On Oak Grove there is a place where a house was demolished and it's been an empty lot there are now 4 cars parked on that so it's to the side it's not in the front but it is like in the front because you drive by and actually I noticed today there's a trailer actually up on some blocks so it's not just parked there it's becoming a bit permanent."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Is there an actual address?"

Mrs. Hahn – "I did send that to you as well. I don't know if I can pull it up on my phone real quickly. It's right next to 1335 Oak Grove and its two trucks and a car and then this trailer up on cement blocks but I feel like it's getting more populated. There were only three there last week and then today there were four."

Mr. Timmons – "Aren't they pulling in the alley and parking there? I think that's what they're doing."

Mrs. Hahn – "I'm not sure. But it's during the day and it's during the night and that's not permitted correct?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Correct."

Mrs. Hahn – "What about a truck that's parked in the backyard if it's behind a fence?"

Chief McCafferty – "If they have a proper pad or something I forget how the ordinance reads but you just can't park in the yard."

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay. And I thank you there was a car in the front yard at 308 Belleview and it was gone today. So I thank whoever help make that happen and thank you for the dumpster on Oak Grove was moved within a day so I thank whoever helped make that happen. So we are seeing improvements. Okay that’s all I have.”
Mr. Paul – “Yes I forget Mr. Timmons wanted me to bring up something that we brought up earlier.” Mr. Paul sun shined an ordinance to make an amendment to ordinance 351.09 night time parking of commercial vehicles in residential districts in the City of Steubenville. Second by Mr. Timmons.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. This week I’ve talked with the Harmonium Group this Friday will be their First Friday in their series to start from May 7th all the way to October 1st for the Fridays. I’ve had several conversations with Mr. Barnes he understands that we have to follow the protocols he has been working with our Health Commissioners and I just got this call this afternoon they may be doing a walk-up vaccine during the evening from 4:00 to 6:00 there. So again it looks like they may be able to work that out so we will have the 100 block closed and the 100 block north on 4th street and 4th and Market closed to see how this goes and again he is aware of that we will look at each First Friday to make sure that everything is adhere too. They’ve asked us to support them on additional garbage cans which we are and I just explained to them you need to follow the protocols. I will tell you I just got back from Florida and it is just wide open down there. They’re still supposed to wear masks when they are in close with people but people aren’t wearing them. You go into a restaurant the only people that have masks on are the servers. People are sitting there having dinner and there isn’t any. Also while I was down there I go to different cities and I look at different things how they function all the parking in Popomo Beach and a good portion of it they have machines that you go to you still have to have a person that goes around and verifies it but the interesting thing that I saw and I’ve also seen this in Wheeling is they have an electronic ticket so this is something once we make sure on our ordinance how we process tickets here to go to electronic tickets which means our Code Enforcement Officer for the parking can just print out the ticket then he downloads it right into the system to the court. That way nobody has to touch it, it goes in there and it’s locked in there and the people they follow the procedures that are left there to do that so it makes it nice and clean and they put it right there on there so again when I go to different places I can’t help myself I’m looking at mounds of sanitation spots off of the turn pike everybody deals with these issues. They deal with litter all over the place it’s ashamed but they deal with it so we don’t have a lock on that here but again at times I’ve saw a couple of the sanitation people and listen to their stories; talked to a couple of the grounds people there they maintain their parks but they go through the same things. They said they try to keep them clean; we go into some of our bathrooms and you can’t believe that someone would leave it like that so I just bring this up because sometimes when you don’t; this is your environment here you forget to look at hey are there other people having; and I’ve asked this to my Superintendents when they go to these different meetings; do these other cities have the problems that we do? And the answer is yes. So sometimes you feel like you’re the lone wolf here and it’s just us but no it isn’t and we do try to make things better and that’s what we are going to do and again I want to thank all of Council I watched the participation tonight and that’s what we need is all of us together and the focus to make this a better place. I think we’re going to be able to do that. So again I thank all of you for that and that’s all I have.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

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