

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 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 (by telephone), Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile & Dressel. Mr. Dressel made a motion to excuse Mrs. Hahn from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared by Mayor Barilla.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis (by telephone), Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, & WTOV.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mr. Dressel for June 8, 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. Long – “Nothing this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2021-44 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

Mayor Barilla – “You've heard the final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-44. If you wish to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-44, please step forward and state your name and address.” Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance 2021-44 is duly adopted declared by Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will take effect on July 15, 2021.

NO. 2021-45 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE - 1st reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 3953 ARGONNE AVENUE, 1246 OAK GROVE AVENUE, 1300 OAK GROVE AVENUE, 1414 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, 1405 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, AND 1420 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE TO BE UNSAFE STRUCTURES AS DEFINED BY SECTION 108 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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Paul – “Good evening your Honor. I have several things this evening.” Mr. Paul sun shined four ordinances all under finance. The first is the ordinance repealing the table of organization for the City of Steubenville, Ohio and enacting a table of organization for all employees of the city and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Second was an ordinance ratifying the two (2) year wage and benefit contract entered into by the City of Steubenville with the Fraternal Order of Police, Fort Steuben Lodge #1 and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Petrella. Third was an ordinance ratifying the two (2) year wage and benefit contract entered into by the City of Steubenville with the Firefighters Union Local No. 228, I.A.F.F., O.A.P.F.F., and AFL-CIO and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Petrella. Fourth was an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute the memorandum of understanding/settlement of wage reopener with the Ohio Council 8, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO and Local 215 (AFSCME) and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Petrella. “The other thing I'd like to talk about. I'd like to acknowledge Patrick McLaughlin. I had heard a lot of discussion over the weekend, and they said Patrick was down there cleaning where the old Hub used to be. Patrick did a great job and I commend the young man. He is always out there doing something for the city, especially downtown, and I think maybe somehow, we should do something

for Patrick. He's a good man."

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – "Yes a few things." Mr. Villamagna sun shined a resolution under the Planning Committee adopting the fiscal year 2021 annual plan and authorizing its submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Second by Mr. Petrella. "Jim, can you hear me on the phone there? The building at the corner, the building on Adams Street between Court Alley and South 4th Street, there is a machine pushed up against the building holding the building from collapsing. It has been like that for 14 months. They've been issued a citation and nothing's happened yet. It's a dangerous situation there. If that building collapses that brick will go flying everywhere and it will kill somebody and nothing is being done about that building and I don't believe it's the inspector's fault. I believe the delay is somewhere else. If you could check that out and maybe next Tuesday give us a report on that because that building has been there for 14 months. We sit here and talk about dilapidated housing and we're worried about weeds there's a building there...the Greek Festival going on, the Dean Martin Festival going on, the concerts, Juneteenth. You have all these people coming downtown and you have this building sitting there with a machine pushed up against it so the building won't collapse. Give us a report on it next week, Jim, if you would please."

Mr. Mavromatis – "I'll take care of that Bob. No problem at all."

Mr. Villamagna – "Thank you. Last, we have Paramount Enterprises here and they are doing a fantastic job. It's really taking off and Microenterprise Assistance Program is the program (inaudible) Paramount Enterprises. So tonight, I have Trish, Helena Jones and Taneka Crawford here with us, and Trish, I would like you to give us a little update and the 2 ladies if you would like to say something also, I'd really appreciate it."

*A brief update on the program was given by Trish Digliodo, Helena Jones and Taneka Crawford.

Mrs. Anyabwile – thanked the members from Paramount Enterprises for speaking and for their enthusiasm.

Mr. Dressel – Mr. Dressel sun shined an ordinance under the Public Utilities Committee. An ordinance authorizing and directing the Lincoln Blvd sanitary sewer emergency repair project pursuant to r.c. 735.01 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Dressel sun shined an ordinance under the Service Committee. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the 2022 hot-mix resurfacing improvements, city project no. 2022-100, 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. Mr. Dressel sun shined 2 ordinances under Council as a whole. An ordinance authorizing and directing the city manager to make application for a grant from the Ohio public works commission to be used towards funding the city of Steubenville 2022 city street hot mix resurfacing improvements, city project no. 2022-100 and to executive contracts as required. Fourth is an ordinance authorizing and directing the city manager to make application for a grant from the Ohio public works commission to be used towards funding the city of Steubenville JEF-SR 7 traffic signal upgrades, PID No. 113672, city project number 2020-131 and to execute contracts as required. Second all by Mr. Petrella. "I just wanted to add a thank you to Patrick McLaughlin for cleaning up the Dollar Tree weeds and I'll just mention the store manager provided him beverages while he was working there."

Mr. Dolak – "Just a reminder. We're going to be doing some work on Lover's Lane tomorrow. We need to do a pavement repair. We're going to have Lover's Lane closed between the round-about and Sinclair Avenue. We will be doing that work probably starting right around 7:00 in the morning and hopefully we'll be able to reopen the road around 5:00 that night. Thank you."

Mr. Villamagna – "Mr. Dolak, thank you for Dresden Avenue. You all fought hard to get that done and paved, and it's beautiful. You did a good job Mike."

Mr. Dolak – "Thank you, Mr. Villamagna."

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "I'd like to let you know that we've received our first check of \$7,299.150.00. It was deposited into our account on 6/10/21. We're going to have to establish a new fund, amend our revenue budget and amend the expenditure budget. The only thing that we're waiting for, and I've been in contact with our auditors, is the final review on how we're able to spend this money. We have a general idea we just need to know the guidelines. So that's what we're waiting for right now. I wanted Council to know this. It's good news and I'm sure we have several things we can utilize this money on. I just need the proper guidance from Treasury."

Mr. Villamagna – "Jim, when we get closer to this and we can get it figured out, if you'd give me a little bit of a heads up because along with Willie under the Economic Development Committee and the Finance Committee, I'd like to call a special meeting so we can sit down and take however long it is necessary to discuss this ok. If you could give me a heads up so I can call that meeting."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Absolutely as soon as I get the final determination on how we can spend this, I think that's a wise move."

Mr. Mastro – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

PUBLIC FORUM

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

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR