

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

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Finance Director Dave Lewis, Urban Projects Director Chris Petrossi, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Parks and Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for June 29, 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 – “Nothing this evening.”

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to take Ordinance No. 2021-26 off the table for Council vote. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2021-26 – BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Dressel, Hahn

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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-26. If anyone wishes to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-26 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Timmons – “I do want to say that I think there was some communication issues regarding this. Everything seems to be sorted out and we do value the relationship we have with the University and I just wanted to pass that along. Thank you.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I have a question. So when Mr. Lewis; the information that you are looking for do you think another week would help in terms of you getting that information?”

Dave Lewis – “Well it might but again I don’t want to hold this up. I mean we’re working on it; I just wanted you to know where we’re at. We reached out to (all inaudible) money and we’re just trying to get the information pinned down so we can pay the school district their share of the new income tax money. If that helps you.”

Mr. Dressel – “Can I say something? So with stopping the ordinance from passing another week isn’t going to put any pressure at all on the tenants that are withholding information over there. So no another week is not going to help that so all we’re doing is torturing the University and their development for something they can’t provide us in the first place. So we need to get this out of the way because it has absolutely nothing to do with the TIF and they provided what they have to provide which was interesting news. So we need to figure out some legal pressure to get the data out of everybody else. That may be I don’t know what it is.”

Mr. Mastros – “We’re trying to figure that out.”

Mr. Dressel – “Right so I think that we need to separate these two things which is what we’re doing right now and do it.”

Mr. Paul – “Right move forward.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-26 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on August 5, 2021.

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to take Ordinance No. 2021-27 off the table for Council vote and I would also like Mrs. Haley to read the letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2021-27 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

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.

Mrs. Haley read a letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission dated June 8, 2021. The letter states that a public hearing was held by the Planning and Zoning Commission with regards to the ordinance above and sent a positive recommendation to City Council and that City Council take into consideration the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee. Signed by Teresa DiCarlantonio.

Mrs. Hahn – “So after consulting with Mr. Petrossi of Planning and Zoning one of the nine registered rentals did not have all of the proper paperwork for an actual rental agreement and so that number should be amended to eight rather than nine.”

Mr. Mastros – “What district is that in?”

Mrs. Hahn – “LaBelle. It’s the last one on the list.”

Mr. Mastros – “It’ll go from 9 to 8?”

Mrs. Hahn – “9 to 8.”

Mrs. Hahn made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2021-27 in the list of the districts names and maximum permitted single-family detached dwelling registered rentals Belleview from 9 to 8. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to accept the letter from the Planning and Zoning commission and to make it apart of the record. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2021-27. If anyone would like to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-27 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Ed Palambizio – “I live at 113 South Bend Blvd. and I have maybe a point of clarification as opposed to a comment on that. I just looked at the tentative agenda that was on the web page and it said this would be tabled and I come down here and there are people who have read this and it’s tabled. They don’t know that you are now going to vote on it. Maybe there are some people that have some comments or some objections that if this had not been tabled they might have been down here. Now I can understand you having the third reading but I can’t understand you having the third reading immediately after removing it from the table. Do you understand my point here? In that no one has been notified that you are going to vote on this. According to your official record; your webpage says that there’s not going to be any action on this in terms of final voting and now you’re doing the final voting.”

Mr. Mastros – “I can just tell you this legally Mr. Palambizio this could’ve been taken off the table at any time; from the time it was tabled until today and voted so there’s no notice requirement that’s required. It’s a tabled ordinance it can be taken off the table at any time. Just so you know.”

Mr. Paul – “We tabled it June 8th?”

Mr. Mastros – “Is that when it was?”

Mr. Paul – “I think it went through two readings or it had two...”

Mr. Mastros – “No we waited until we got the report back from the Planning and Zoning Commission and that was the issue.”

Mr. Paul – “Then June 8th was their meeting.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes.”

Mr. Paul – “The letter is dated on Ms. DiCarlantonio’s letter and we’ve had it tabled since then.”

Mr. Mastros – “Even before that.”

Mr. Paul – “I thought we had two readings but it says emergency on here.”

Ed Palambizio – “I guess my point is one it still can be; I don’t want (all inaudible) it’s still confusing. And another thing to add to the conclusion you did say on your meeting on April 13th that you were going to table it after getting the results of the public hearing but in the minutes of the Council Meeting it says public hearing it doesn’t say Planning and Zoning Board Hearing this was in litigation; I don’t know maybe there was a public hearing required to resolve that litigation so even when you table this that was somewhat confusing. Now I realize it’s not a perfect world but this; a lot of confusion in here for something that was very controversial to begin with; I mean that’s what I want to say.”

Mr. Dressel – “The fact that we even listed it on here at all is actually unusual so that’s your notice that something’s going to happen. So and it’s been out there a while so that I think is some notice. You don’t have to give notice. We could’ve taken it off the table without even putting it on this document just as easily; it doesn’t violate parliaments and procedures in anyway.”

Mr. Mastros – “Or our ordinance or our (all inaudible).”

Mr. Dressel – “Right so I mean I understand what he’s saying but it is what it is.”

Mr. Mastros – “And just for future reference I requested the Clerk put those on there for two reasons. One and I think I might want to do this but you guys will have to make this decision; when we table an ordinance I’d like to keep it on there and just put (currently tabled) so it doesn’t fall through and not that any of these fell through but it’s for the good of the order and I’d like to start that process; that protocol but I agree with Mr. Dressel it could come off the table next week if we wanted. But I appreciate Mr. Palambizio’s comment.”

Mrs. Hahn – “The only other comment I would make is that the Public Hearing forum under the Planning and Zoning Commission was published in the paper and if you ever have a question about where there’s some kind of a public forum on something that’s going to be voted on I’m sure if you call the city building they would tell you.”

Ed Palambizio – “Can I comment on that? According to the paper? The paper’s publication to me is not a public document. I mean your minutes; reading your minutes and the agenda that’s public. I have to believe that. The newspaper is someone’s interpretation of what they heard or said has no legal authority.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I just mean the advertisement for the meeting; there was a public forum Mr. Villamagna and I were

there.”

Mr. Mastros – “There’s a notice put in the paper. An advertisement notifying the public of the meeting. I think that’s what Mrs. Hahn was talking about. Not an article in the paper.”

Mr. Paul – “Can I say something as well? I think we went into executive session two different times over this. If you remember Mr. Timmons (all inaudible from others talking).”

Ed Palambizio – “I don’t want to beat a dead horse.”

Mr. Paul – “I understand.”

Ed Palambizio – “I mean you need to understand I’m going by what you all published and that’s the only thing I can respond too. If you want me as the public to understand and cooperate and work with you all you got to give me more notice. I mean you can’t make it look like hey you’re trying to pull a fast one on me. That’s all.”

Mr. Paul – “We’re not but as Mr. Mastros said we will keep tabled ordinances on here so when you come up and you want to get a piece of that paper and see what’s on there you will know.”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’ll help us too.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-27 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

*Previous to Mr. Dressel’s vote he made a comment about not being for the NCDs but would vote yes on this ordinance. Mrs. Anyabwile agree with Mr. Dressel.

NO. 2021-51 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2022 CITY STREET 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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-51. If anyone wishes to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-51 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-51 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on August 5, 2021.

NO. 2021-52 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 3rd reading

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 EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-52. If anyone wishes to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-52 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-52 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on August 5, 2021.

NO. 2021-53 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – 3rd reading

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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-53. If anyone wishes to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-53 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-53 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on August 5, 2021.

NO. 2021-54 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE F.Y. 2021 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION THEREOF TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND URBAN PROJECTS DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR F.Y. 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AS INCORPORATED IN THE ACTION PLAN.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-54. If anyone wishes to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-54 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-54 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on August 5, 2021.

NO. 2021-55 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – “Yeah just two things tonight. First off there is the Oak Grove lot that I know Mr. Burch is going to speak on later during public forum but I did want to give an update that I talked to Judge Mascio on it and he’s asked that if there’s some way Bob Baird can cut it then he can have Community Service clean it up and then after we get that part done the citizens said they are going to do their best to cut it. It’s just a couple of those vacant lots there I forget the addresses off the top of my head but I have been in touch with him trying to get that; there’s also that vehicle still there in the middle so that would need towed to start getting that cleaned up but I did want to bring that up and then second Jim is there; we’ve discussed this before I know Scott has as well about the houses that are I guess in deplorable conditions with roaches, mice and what not. What kind of recourse do we have on those? I know; can we get the Jefferson County Health Department down here so we can talk maybe work something out to where they can enforce it? I don’t know how we can; what our method of doing that is.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Are you talking about vacant homes or people in them?”

Mr. Timmons – “These are homes with people living in them.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay then it’s the responsibility of your home owners or the renters there. So that’s the starting point right there.”

Mr. Timmons – “What if they are the homeowners and they are living like filth?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They can possibly have health violations as well as City code violations which if you go that route which you are well familiar with they’re cited on any of the building issues or health issues.”

Mr. Timmons – “They can go into the home then?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay that seems to be where the issue is. We just have to let it go then?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No I can notify the Health Department for unhealthy conditions and let them examine it.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay that would be....”

Mr. Paul – “Are there children involved?”

Mr. Timmons – “I don’t know the answer to that. Mrs. Wiggins; there are children involved?”

Dolores Wiggins – “Yes.”

Mr. Paul – “Call Child Services.”

Mr. Timmons – “Alright do you have that address off the top of your head?”

Dolores Wiggins – “I’ll give it to you.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you.”

Mr. Timmons – “That’s all I have this week.”

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Two questions I have. What’s the difference between Ordinance No. 2021-55 about purchase orders over \$3,000? (All inaudible) previous one okay. We just did this.”

Dave Lewis – “Here they are.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “I got it. Thank you. Okay and then I know we’ve brought this up since I’ve been here since last year when we get the monthly service reports from the different wards and we always have a question about it being completed and we know that that just means he files a report and we’ve asked I know a number of times about not saying completed and we know the property is still a mess and I know I want to request again that to show that okay he did go out; Officer Dorsey did do the procedure what happens after that? And if the property is still weeded; if the property is still trashed that it should show up on the report that yes it’s still in disarray until people clean up their property which means on the monthly report might be 10-20 pages long because all these weeded properties and trash properties here in Steubenville. But I know for a fact some south end which has you know over a page and a half of properties that a lot of these properties are not cleaned up yet. So I would just like to see the report reflect the better you know status of what these properties look like.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well since you brought up Officer Dorsey and it says completed and again not knowing talking to him directly and I don’t like to assume anything I would think that he went out and that property owner was cited. So instead of putting completed he could put cited on there and Council has been briefed numerous times on the process of when someone is cited in. I think that’s a reasonable request.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Right (all inaudible) and then when it’s completed or when the property owner unfortunately Officer Dorsey may have to go back out there to see if they done it.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “He does. He does have to go back out.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Then we can see the word completed after we have a column of cited then the next column could be pending, still pending, incomplete, or in process or completed. There should be another column here; request status and then the word cited should be there.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim I might be wrong; maybe the Chief knows but isn’t there; can’t we get a password to get on there and check stuff in our ward?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I think that can be; I think that was brought up before a couple years.”

Mr. Villamagna – “There’s detail in that computer I know that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right and I think it had to be set up your password would only be for your ward.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “So let me check with Zach tomorrow.”

Mr. Villamagna – “In that report it says completed but on the actual site it says exactly what he did.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Yeah so we’ll see something different next month?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Well you’ll get a report next Tuesday and the question is can he do it or not and that’s what I’ll be able to give you. And if he can do it then it’s just a matter of getting the format reformatted and the passwords to Council as it pertains to your ward.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And that will most likely be for read only so there’s no reason to have access to changing it.”

Mr. Dressel – “I wanted to call for a Utility Committee Meeting to discuss water and have Jim Jenkins give us an update on the west end project and then also if we can get an update on the billing system. How about August 3rd? Does that give you enough time? It’s about a month.”

Dave Lewis – “Yeah. (All inaudible).”

Mr. Dressel – “And if it doesn’t work then we can move it.”

Dave Lewis – “Yeah we should have some feedback by then.”

Mr. Dressel – “Okay at 6:30 p.m. on August 3rd.”

Mrs. Hahn – No Report

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor I have a couple items.” Mr. Paul sun shined a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Second by Mrs. Hahn. “Second this is Bob’s area; someone spoke the other day and it’s a good thing that Mike Dolak is here; as you go into Country Club Estates you know where the island is at? And the two roads that go in? I’ve had people complain to me that the road is kind of bad they said back in (all inaudible) area it’s not so bad. But it’s the two roads that ingress and egress; coming in and out they said it needs some patch work and I don’t know if it’s concrete or black top. I haven’t been out there in a long time.”

Mike Dolak – “If it just needs some patch work we can direct that to Mr. Baird’s office and then it’s a concrete road overlay.”

Mr. Paul – “That’s what I thought.”

Mike Dolak – “And I guess while I’m up we are; our resurfacing program is going to start out there on Thursday our 2021 resurfacing program which consists of Fairway, Pine Valley Drive and Doral.”

Mr. Paul – “Is that the name of the street?”

Mike Dolak – “No.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay.”

Mike Dolak – “It’s not the road. You’re talking about the entrance into Country Club?”

Mr. Paul – “Yes in and out.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Where the median is.”

Mike Dolak – “No that’s not included in the program but Doral on the other end is included in the program and we’ll be starting out there on Thursday. There’s notifications; they probably started posting the no parking signs; it’s about a \$450,000 project and we are receiving some grant dollars of about \$260,000 from the OPWC and the rest would be City funded. So there’s nothing to address resurfacing of that area. If there needs to be some patch work done we can sit down and talk with Mr. Baird and maybe his crews can go out there and possibly do some patch work.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay thank you. That’s the question I had yesterday. The other one Mr. Timmons I think had brought this up a couple years ago it is the Veteran’s Memorial Flags; up and down they have them in Weirton, they have them in Wellsburg, Follansbee has them now and I guess they go into Wellsburg; Weirton has them downtown; up on Pennsylvania Ave. I know Mr. Mavromatis had a demonstration in his office; I would like to maybe get the ball rolling on this. Yes and I think Mr. Timmons brought this up a couple years ago. Do you think we can form a committee maybe get the David Walker Legion involved; maybe the Post 33 Legion involved get a member from one of those areas; maybe get the ball rolling. I think Johnny Watts tried it in Toronto; God Bless him he passed away then Toronto started with their memorial flags.”

Mr. Villamagna – “A Councilmen from Weirton volunteered to help us with that too. I got his card.”

Mayor Barilla – “Yeah you’ll need a committee for that. There’s movement involved with soliciting money, bank accounts and tracking all of that. Mr. Mavromatis and myself both met with a fellow from Weirton and his wife. His wife handled all that but (all inaudible).”

Mr. Paul – “And I would suggest maybe the central downtown business area which we always include with First Fridays and everything else and its part of our community development grant and then maybe out Sunset; up Market Street and up Sunset. Okay? Or if there are any other areas you guys might think of but I’m just throwing some things out there. Maybe we should; maybe I’ll sit down and discuss with you and maybe form a

committee. Okay? That's something I had in the back of my mind. I know Mr. Timmons brought that up earlier you are more than welcomed to be on that committee."

Mr. Timmons – "Sounds good. As long as they get their recognition."

Mr. Paul – "I know we're behind on this but it's passed due."

Mayor Barilla – "I'll get in touch with the Councilman from Weirton because his wife really handled all of that and have her come over and guide us through the procedure."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah they said they would help get it set up."

Mr. Paul also made a motion to go into executive session following public forum to discuss personnel for non-union employees. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Petrella – "When we go into executive session I would like it to be just Council alone at first. Okay? To discuss personnel and then we'll bring in the Administration. (Jim Mavromatis, Costa Mastros, Dave Lewis, Jerry Barilla)

Mr. Petrella – No Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you you're Honor. I'd like to use my time this evening to have Chief Capaldi brief Council on what we didn't have enough time for earlier and any questions you may have you can direct them at this time."

Carlo Capaldi – "Okay thank you. Willie are there any committee meetings next week?"

Mr. Paul – "I can make one if you want."

Carlo Capaldi – "How about this I gave everyone a packet that's about four pages and it explains what I'm looking for and what I want to talk about. The first page the first two sentences pretty much tells you what I'm looking for. I'm looking for the T.O. to be changed and add three firefighter positions. That'll bring us from 21 to 24 firefighters that will bring us up to the six positions that I said I needed in the beginning to run EMS and those are the six positions that I projected would be paid for by EMS and the second page basically shows you my chart that says what we've brought in so far and the fact that we're going to be able to pay for those six positions. What I would say is schedule a Safety Comm. Meeting next week; I need a half hour; you're going to be here until 9:00 p.m. if you open this up for questions. What I'm looking for is to sunshine an ordinance to change that from 21 to 24. If we have the safety committee meeting early next week maybe you can do it after that. So unless you want to go..."

Mr. Paul – "The only thing is; I agree with you on that and I have no problem but I won't be here next week. I will call the meeting and I agree with you on this and the following week Mr. Dressel or Mr. Timmons..."

Carlo Capaldi – "I'm bringing this up because we need to do it pretty much as soon as we can and I'm going to be on vacation two weeks after that."

Mr. Paul – "Okay so I'll call a meeting and the following week we'll vote on it. But you guys can all discuss it next week."

Carlo Capaldi – "Yeah because if you look the first page kind of lays out why. The second page shows you the projective revenue that we had at the beginning; where we are six months in and if we just brought in the same amount of money for the next six months we're well over what I projected."

Unknowns – "(All inaudible)."

Carlo Capaldi – "You could sunshine it and vote on it next week. But if you look at the bottom at the cost there's 6 firefighters, EMS line items, (all inaudible) it's under the cost."

Mr. Petrella – "I don't know if we need a meeting do we?"

Mr. Timmons – "If you want to we should."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "So you don't need any more equipment right?"

Carlo Capaldi – "Well eventually we will but not right now. Now I'm still looking for the people. We didn't hire them all in the beginning because we didn't have any revenue (all inaudible). The revenue history is coming in good so now we need people. I did apply for a safer grant and we didn't get the first one and we said in the beginning if we didn't get the safer grant we're going to have to hire 6 people out of the EMS revenue and it's coming in. So I believe we can pay for the 6 people that's why I'm only asking for three more. That'll get us to the point where we can run a second ambulance as long as only one person is off. It still doesn't get us a second ambulance a 100% of the time and that's just because I can't prove that we're going to pay for nine people. It'll help it'll get a second ambulance on the road and we're just doing it in baby steps now because we're just starting. We don't have the history. Now like Dave said I know there's a bunch of stipulations on the Recovery Act money but I'm pretty sure you can still buy EMS stuff with that so when we start running two ambulances we're going to need two spares. Right now we're running one and we got two spares. If we run two we're going to need two spares."

Mr. Villamagna – "Chief if you get the 6 guys for that safer grant you'll be able to run these ambulances."

Carlo Capaldi – "Well that's the thing if we get the safer grant after that; it's not cost to us for three years so we can bring those people in and train them and for the next five years we got guys retiring every year so we need to be able to replace people. One or two unexpected retirement and we're behind the 8 ball already because we didn't (all inaudible) six people yet. So but like I said the information is in there and Costa the third page that's the last time we did it."

Mr. Mastros – "I got it. I remember it was pretty easy."

Carlo Capaldi – “And then the last page is Dave’s EMS profit and loss report where he’s already costing out six people. It already shows that if we pay six people that we’re still making; because this is costing out six; we’re not paying for six yet. We’re still using guys that are supposed to be on the fire truck so this cost out is paying for six and it shows that we can do that. So that’s why I put that in there. So it’s up to you if you want to sunshine it next week and vote on it the week after.”

Mr. Paul – “Right now. Mrs. Anyabwile are you okay with this? I’m going to sunshine this tonight. Mrs. Hahn are you okay?”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes.”

Mr. Paul asks the rest of Council and they all agree.

Mr. Petrella – “I think Scott made a valid point earlier this evening and I want to also say that we’re still using mutual aid.”

Mr. Paul – “Right. Always.”

Mr. Petrella – “So there’s a need out there.”

Mr. Paul – “Right.”

Carlo Capaldi – “Well like I said I didn’t want to keep you here because I was going to address Scott’s point.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We like it here Chief.”

Carlo Capaldi – “We’re still using mutual aid two to four times a day. Some days it’s four some days it’s none.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And we really ought to be helping.”

Carlo Capaldi – “That too but as Scott said if we get the second ambulance up and running we’ll pick up the calls which pays for more people that we are talking about because currently six months into the year we’re 2,640 total calls, 1,827 were for EMS so at the end of the year that’s 5,200 total calls and 3,600 EMS. If you pick up two calls a day with that second ambulance now you’re up to 4,000 EMS calls which bumps the projected revenue up.”

Mr. Paul – “Those guys have to be taking a beaten too.”

Carlo Capaldi – “Oh yeah we are. Now I worked the last four Mondays; I’ve been working 12 hour shifts at night on the ambulance training shifts just to get me up to speed. We’ve done eight calls a night; every night that I’ve been on that ambulance we’ve done eight calls a night. So it’s pretty steady and like we said we’re not doing this to put money in the bank we’re doing this to provide a service to the citizens that’s decent so the money is there and the revenue is there and we’re not doing it to hoard money we’re doing it to provide a service.”

Mr. Paul – “Right and I agree.”

Mr. Petrella – “And with the mutual aid that’s still going on there’s a need out there and we showed that we stepped up to protect our citizens and provide the service. I agree with you Willie.”

Carlo Capaldi – “Yeah I was just trying to answer some of your questions. But even last night we did do a mutual aid call last night that was out of the city limits; we were out already; we did the call for someone; now here’s the deal when you do a mutual aid call you get revenue for that call so the only thing that you’re losing is that ambulance is now unavailable. That second one it will still be available.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But you got to help each other.”

Carlo Capaldi – “Oh yeah we do. Yeah whatever you want to do. That’s what I’m asking for.”

Mr. Paul – “We’ll sunshine it tonight.”

Mr. Paul sun shined an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-50 the existing table of organization for the Fire Department only to change the number of firefighters from 21 to 24. Second by Mr. Petrella.

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening is the Mayor.”

Mayor Barilla thanked the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the M & R Department for all the help they did with the 4th of July event over the weekend.

PUBLIC FORUM

*We did have one gentleman sign up for public forum (Chuck Burch) but he said that Mr. Timmons took care of the issue.

Council Chambers was cleared for Executive Session.

Council Chambers was reopened to continue the meeting.

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