

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 24, 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, Hahn, Paul, & Petrella.

Mr. Timmons made a motion to excuse Mr. Dressel & Mrs. Anyabwile from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Villamagna. 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, Engineering Director Mike Dolak, Parks & Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for August 17, 2021. Second by Mr. Timmons. 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

NO. 2021-65 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Dressel, Timmons, Anyabwile

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW FOR THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SUPPLIES FOR USE IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID MATERIALS FOR THE YEAR 2022, AUTHORIZING THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO OF CONTRACTS, AND PAYMENT THEREOF.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-65. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-65 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-65 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on September 23, 2021.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Timmons – “Yes Jim do we have a sanitation bulk pickup schedule yet? I’ve been asked that.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah I can check with Bob and give it to you next week.”

Mr. Timmons – “Appreciate that thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor.” Mr. Villamagna sun shined an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a real estate purchase agreement with GAL Steubenville, LLC to purchase property in the furtherance of Phases III and IV of the Lover Lane widening project and declaring an emergency. Mr.

Villamagna also called for a Planning Committee Meeting on September 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and to have Mr. Petrossi come and update Council of possible money the city might receive to do commercial building demos.

Mr. Mastros said he’ll also have some information for Council on how the city can require those buildings at a low rate but the demolition is what is going to be the big cost. He also stated there’s money in the State budget that will go to each County for ground field restoration and demolitions but he is still gathering information from the County Prosecutor’s office on how the City can require these particular buildings.

Mr. Petrella – “Under that same note the one we’re talking about on 4th St. isn’t that the one where the wall is collapsing?”

Mr. Mastros – “No sir.”

Mr. Petrella – “Okay. I got a question on that later.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes a couple of things.” Mrs. Hahn spoke about the play at Beatty Park, Macbeth, and how it will be playing again this week starting at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Hahn asked Lori Fetherolf to speak on the event that happened last weekend.

Lori Fetherolf – “We had our Touch-a-Truck event Saturday and it went very well. We had probably 200-250 people come through and of course the Firetruck was the big thing everyone wanted to see and I will commend the Fire Department; I told Chief Capaldi they did a wonderful job interacting with those kids. We had the Health Department, the Library Book Mobile, we had some parks vehicles out there, our little gator which all the little ones loved that because they could climb in and out of that. So it was wonderful for our first event we

already had a contractor wanting to participate next year with some big trucks for us so it was good for our first year and we look forward to next year.

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you so much for offering that and it was a great response. And then tomorrow night Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse is the next Friends of Beatty Park meeting so if anyone is interested you are more than welcomed.”

Mr. Paul – “I have one item this evening you’re Honor.” Mr. Paul sun shined an ordinance under Finance; an ordinance amending the Table of Organization, Ordinance No. 2021-58, adding one position to the Police Department specifically a temporary Patrolman and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Mavromatis – “In November we have a Police Captain that is on mandatory retirement and naturally what it does is it brings a vacancy all the way from the bottom up. So we’re having a Captain’s test tomorrow and a Sergeant’s test tomorrow so those will be refilled once that vacancy occurs. The reason we want to get this other position on board; it’s a temporary over hire is basically what it is so we can properly get him hired and trained to get into that so he might be out one month prior to him being kicked loose by himself. So this way we’re always playing catchup to get bodies on board; what this is doing is giving us the position so he walks right into it as soon as we have that Captain that retires. That’s why I’ve asked that we go this route that way we’re always keeping it at full strength.”

Mr. Mastros – “And that position does terminate when the other positions are filled.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Absolutely.”

Mr. Mastros – “And he’ll just be moved up to regular patrolman not temporary.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Right.”

Mr. Mastros – “But that will terminate by operational law.”

Mrs. Hahn – “That’s what my question was does it actually say temporary patrolman?”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes.”

Mr. Paul – “It’s more or less like on the job training correct?”

Mr. Mastros – “Basically yeah so we can get him up and running so there’s no gap in service.”

Mr. Paul – “Great I like that.”

Mr. Petrella – “The only thing I wanted to ask is the same thing Bob was saying about that piece of equipment holding that up and you were going to give us some update on it or something.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The last that I had from that is the owner of that building had a court hearing and that’s where it’s at it’s still in the court’s hands.”

Mr. Petrella – “When was the hearing?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The hearing was a week or two ago.”

Mr. Mastros – “I think if I could interject the one thing I do know about it I think at that point he retained Counsel because he couldn’t represent himself through the LLC and I know he did retain Counsel and that was probably rescheduled; the hearing was probably rescheduled thereafter. So I’m not sure when the new hearing date is but it’s easy to find out.”

Mr. Petrella – “We need to do something with that piece of equipment though. This has been dragging on for...”

Mr. Villamagna – “If that was anybody else that building would’ve been gone believe me.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Hey Costa can you check when the hearing date is?”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yeah just give us an update.”

Mr. Mastros – “Sure not a problem.”

Mr. Petrella – “Because a lot of people think that’s our equipment out there.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – No Report

Mr. Mastros – “Thank you Mr. Mayor. I’m going to request that Council go into a very brief executive session regarding both the purchase of property and the sale of property. It’ll be brief. You have received some information from me by email already but Mr. Dolak wants to go over the purchase of property with you and I want to go over a sale of our piece of property. So I’m going to request that we do that tonight. Thank you.”

Mr. Paul made a motion that we go into executive session following public forum to discuss the sale of property and the purchase of property by the City of Steubenville. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

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