

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 31, 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, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, & Timmons.

Mr. Paul made a motion to excuse Mr. Dressel from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Timmons. 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, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, 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 24, 2021. Second by Mr. Timmons. Five (5) ayes; Villamagna, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons. One (1) abstain; Anyabwile. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Barilla – "Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?"

Mrs. Haley – "I have one. It's a notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; a transfer liquor license to Vashva LLC at 550 Maxwell Ave. in Steubenville, Ohio from Anu & Ritu INC. DBA Pleasant Food Mart at 550 Maxwell Ave. in Steubenville, Ohio. It says please complete and return this form to the Division of Liquor Control whether or not there is a request for a hearing refer to this number in all inquiries B TRFO 9226762; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title."

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to accept this letter and make it part of the record and that a copy would be given to Council, the City Manager, Law Director, Mayor, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. Second by Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Madam Clerk."

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2021-68 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella**

**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.**

Mayor Barilla – "You've heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2021-68. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-68 please step forward and state your name and address."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "I have a question. It says exhibit A and I think exhibit A shows the amount of the purchase and there's no exhibit A attached here so I don't know if people in the audience know how much money was spent on those parcels of land."

Mr. Mastros – "Exhibit A was what you received in your emails from me and it had a purchase price, it was \$90,000 for the 3 parcels at the corner of Teresa and Lovers and then 40 for the parcel at the corner of Lovers and Sinclair for a total of 130."

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. Five (5) ayes; Villamagna, Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Timmons. One (1) no; Anyabwile. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-68 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor's signature.

**NO. 2021-69 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**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.**

Mayor Barilla – "You've heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2021-69. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-69 please step forward and state your name and address."

Mr. Paul called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-69 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor's signature.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Villamagna – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes. Just one announcement Big Red is going to have their band come up and do a concert at Beatty Park and it’s free and opened to the public. It will be the night after next Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 and people need to be aware that there’s no seating there so they’ll need to bring a chair with them but we really appreciate the school venturing out into Beatty Park and using and it was a wonderful venue for Shakespeare in the park.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor. I should’ve told you I wanted to speak under miscellaneous but it’s just a question or maybe a statement. Pico Park okay? I know and I’m glad Lori is here tonight the County is supposed to cut that grass correct? Okay. I had the Principal of Steubenville Big Red go down and if it’s not cut then he’ll cut it. I really don’t want Mr. Gorman going down there and cutting that grass if it’s not our responsibility. Who do we contact Jim or Lori to (all inaudible) or I can contact one of the commissioners but I don’t want him going down there and cutting that grass but Mr. Gorman contacted me on Saturday and said they haven’t cut it in a couple weeks so I went down and I did it myself which he always does anyhow. So I really don’t want him going down there and doing that. I mean it’s very nice of him to do that; the guy has a heart of gold but I don’t think he should be down there cutting that grass so is there someone that will take care of that?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I’ll take care of that.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay thank you.”

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – “Just real quick Jim did you find anything out about the bulk pickup schedule?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “The schedule is not out yet. He’s working on it and as soon as I get it; in fact I’ll have him email it so I can send it out to Council.”

Mr. Paul – “One question; we are going to do that though?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yeah.”

Mr. Paul – “Okay. I just wanted to make sure.”

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “On top of Mr. Jenkins of what he briefed last week the County Engineers office on our West End Tower Project and it made it into the top 7 recommendations down to the States. So it’s been furthered on down to the State so we can get a loan through them to help offset some of the cost of that. So that’s where it’s at right now. I have two of my other department heads here tonight. I have Mr. Dolak here which there have been no issues on what you had there. I also have the Fire Chief here and he would like to brief Council on this; we made out this year which has been grateful after three years in a row applying for this grant so Chief I’ll let you talk to Council.”

Carlo Capaldi – Chief Capaldi briefed Council on the grant the Fire Department received. For the past three years the Fire Chief has applied for this FEMA AFG grant which is an Assistant Firefighter Grant to replace the engine down at headquarters; it’s the engine with the white ladder on top of it. The price for a new truck would be roughly \$800,000. Friday they were rewarded the grant and the Federal share is \$761,000 and then the city’s match is approximately \$40,000. So now they basically go and pick what they want and it’ll take around 10 months for it to be built and with it taking that amount of time it might cost the city a little more than \$40,000 and he has already spoke to Dave and they can factor that into next year’s budget. Chief Capaldi then talked about the fire on University Blvd. No surrounding buildings were damaged and no one was hurt. The crews were on the site for about 6 hours to make sure all the hot spots were out. The walls were knocked in so the walls wouldn’t fall onto University Blvd. The inspector was there to investigate the fire but it’ll most likely be undetermined because there was so much damage. There were three new firemen hired and they are in training now for the ambulance and the engine and everything seems to be working out. Chief Capaldi explained how they will also use the 7/10<sup>th</sup> and 3/10<sup>th</sup> money from the levies and how a portion of it goes to Capital Equipment and that’s what they use the money for so they’re going to use \$40,000 of that Capital Equipment money to get \$800,000 worth of a truck. So we leverage that money to get grants to make that money multiply.

Mr. Villamagna had a question for the name and type of truck the Fire Department planned on getting.

Mr. Petrella asked if it was possible to use any of the American Recovery Act money.

Mr. Mastros said he wasn’t sure if that was possible but he would look into it. Still waiting for the final ruling on the guidelines.

Mr. Mavromatis reassured we will look into this to use money for it.

Mr. Mastros asked what they will do with the truck they are replacing.

Chief Capaldi explained that you can sell it as a working fire truck because we got the truck because we said it’s going out of service. He said it’s more for a scraper or collectors market.

Mr. Mavromatis – “Since it’s been decided here now what we’re waiting for is the Safer Grant where we requested six positions there so hopefully this has been several years that we’ve requested that and hopefully this will be the year that we get that and that’ll help us get this other ambulance running and that’s all I have tonight Mayor.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Did you check and see about that court case?”

Mr. Mastros – “Yes the next pre-trial conference is September 24.”

Mr. Petrella – “Bob I got the information.”

Mr. Mastros – “I know that the defendant had submitted his plans to the Building Department and those take 30 days or so to be approved so the Judge set up a pre-trial to determine how the approval process went through. So that’s where they are.”

**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