

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 14, 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 Hahn, Paul, Petrella, Villamagna, & Anyabwile.

Mr. Paul made a motion to excuse Mr. Dressel & Mr. Timmons from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Mr. Petrella. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

\*Mr. Timmons did show up half way through the meeting.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Parks & Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for September 7, 2021. Second by Mr. Petrella. Four (4) ayes; Hahn, Paul, Villamagna, Anyabwile. One (1) abstain; Petrella. 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**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mrs. Hahn – "The only thing that we are mentioning tonight is the Celebration of Halloween a little early; it's going to be at Beatty Park on October 16<sup>th</sup> which is a Saturday so we're asking people to bring candy and to drop it off at the MLK Center or you can bring it here to Council and give it to Lori. So we're looking for donations and if you are interested in volunteering it's going to be from 11 in the morning until 1 in the afternoon. We're going to have pizza and water for lunch for the kids and lots of candy and there's going to be a bounce house and it should be a lot of fun. We can collect candy up until the 15<sup>th</sup>."

Mr. Paul – "Yes you're Honor. I have two ordinances and they are both under Finance." Mr. Paul sun shined 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 and an ordinance adopting Uniform Guidance Policies regarding allowable costs, time and effort, procurement and purchasing, and cash management policies. Both second by Mr. Villamagna.

Mrs. Anyabwile asked if there was a limit for these orders that are over \$3,000.00 and Mr. Paul and Mr. Mastros explained that it has nothing to do with the cost of the purchase order but more on when the order was placed and it's most likely before the purchase order was made after the purchase of the order. It was explained they do it so that they have a paper trail.

Mr. Paul also called for a Safety Committee Meeting for Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss updating the Ambulance Ordinance.

Mr. Villamagna wanted to let the record reflect that Mr. Timmons was now in attendance.

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – "I did have a question for Lori because I was thinking of this the other day, have we heard any updates on the Miracle Field?"

Lori Fetherolf – "No."

Mr. Timmons – "Nothing? Okay. Wasn't there supposed to be some stuff getting started with that?"

Lori Fetherolf – "He was supposed to get with Costa to do the memorandum of understanding I have not heard anything let's put it that way."

Mr. Mastros – "I have not either."

Mr. Timmons – "Okay I was just curious. Thank you!"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yes Mayor I want to sunshine an ordinance under planning." Mr. Villamagna sun shined an ordinance vacating a portion of Lake Erie Avenue. Second by Mr. Paul. Mr. Villamagna explained this is through the Port Authority and they will all be here next week during the Planning Committee Meeting to explain everything.

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – "Thank you Mayor. Mr. Timmons on your email that you sent about Kendall our roller has been broken and the parts have been ordered but I talked to Mr. Baird today and he expects that to be fixed this

week and then they'll go out there. I talked with Asantewa and I briefed you on your couple issues there. We're getting ready for the homecoming of Big Red which is on the 25<sup>th</sup>. They are going to do a parade from Belleview Park to the Stadium; the Chief has been briefed on this and the respective departments on what we need to do so that's where they're at right now. I had a meeting today with a family that was affected about a week ago on Lexington there was a flood in their basement and that's when we had our heavy rains that came in from the recent remnants of the hurricane that hit our southern border. Again their backwater valve failed on them this is the third time this has happened to them so we're looking at different things to make sure one that our pump station there is adequacy during what it's supposed to be doing but I met with both homeowners today and there's some things they should've done with the purchase of that property and again that's water over the dam but very couple and we'll do anything we can to help them out as long as we get all the facts that we need to deal with and that's all I have to report tonight."

Mr. Petrella – "Where do we stand on Alert Media?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "I mean it's in the process. We're working on how to get the right; we tried to do this with reverse 911 and didn't have adequate participation. We're going to send it out on our monthly bills with our water billing on what has to be done and it's pretty easy to sign up and also with News 9 and the Herald Star. The other thing was what we have to notify and what you have brought up when I sent out the text one for the test one it came up with a number in Texas and this is what the people need to understand they'll be the one signing in and they'll be briefed on what to expect coming through and then we'll do a couple tests and hopefully this thing will work out for what we need. It would've been perfect when we had the fire a few weeks ago to advise people the University Blvd. was blocked off but we had News 9 there and News 7 and again people are at work and they don't know that this is going on. Now again there's always a weakness in any type of program you're doing and that is signing up for it and that would really have to push this time and I would ask Council with the contacts that you have in your respective wards to get people to participate. We have this set up now for all the department heads and we also have it set up for city wide for every employee and so it's a matter; I'm bringing mine down to my Council it's a smaller group to deal with to get the feedback so again there will be another test coming out tomorrow."

Mr. Petrella – "Is there any way that we can get a local number instead of a Texas number?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "I'll have to ask them."

Mr. Petrella – "Because a lot of people; if I get a California number I don't know anyone in California."

Mr. Mavromatis – "A lot of people do that but once they sign up and it's in their system it should come up Alert Media so they'll know exactly what it is. Now when I sent the test out how did it come up? Just a number?"

Mr. Petrella – "Yes. No name nothing."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Okay I'll double check because Alert Media should be coming up."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "So is it just going to be a text then?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "I'll send text and email."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "Okay because a lot of people here in Steubenville older people use landlines a lot."

Mr. Mavromatis – "A landline can be signed up and what it sends to a landline it will send a message; a voice message."

Mr. Petrella - "I'd like to get it as soon as possible because like you said with fires, the rain and the tornado; how's that work when a tornado hits so you know I wasn't listening to News 9 or anything. If it would've come in through my phone then I would've known what was going on in certain areas."

Mrs. Anyabwile – "It'll be good for bulk up that starts next week too."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Well that's not really what it's used for."

Mr. Paul – "Does the bulk pickup come on your water bill?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Again we can but it's limited on space."

Mr. Mastros – No Report

## MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – "We'll now move onto miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening is Mr. Petrella."

Mr. Petrella – "Yes Jim you and I discussed this and I'm glad Lori is here; when do they pick up those cans? Do you know?"

Lori Fetherolf – "What park are we? The trash cans?"

Mr. Petrella – "Yeah."

Lori Fetherolf – "It depends on what park it is. Murphy is Monday, Wednesday, Friday."

Mr. Petrella – "You pick it up 3 times?"

Lori Fetherolf – "Yes."

Mr. Petrella – "Could you; and Jim and I have talked about this; the league that's out there now like tonight that's practicing those people won't walk from me to you to throw trash in that trashcan and I mean that's not fair to the citizens that live up there across the street from the park but common sense is no longer common. You know to walk that extra five feet and throwing the trash in the trash can. As you are well aware they are overflowing and there's litter and I think the residents out there go across the street and pick up the trash. I mean they are keeping their neighborhood clean; while we're on the same subject the other cans with the yellow lids on that the neighborhood group got and I don't know when their pickup is."

Mr. Mavromatis – "I can check but I think they're picked up when it's a normal pickup in those areas."

Mr. Petrella – “Well a couple citizens say they just drive right past those.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay then it’s a specific day then. Also since you brought that up Council needs to understand that those cans are abused.”

Mr. Petrella – “That was the next comment I was going to make because they are overflowing so I went to look at a few of those and there’s people using them as their private garbage cans and yes they are being abused. I don’t know how we can monitor that if we see it being abused maybe open a bag and see if there’s any mail in there and so on and so forth but there’s also other debris other than household debris too that we shouldn’t even be picking up period. But it’s starting to become a health hazard because there’s raccoon getting in them especially when people don’t pick up their own trash and throw it in the trash can. That’s all I wanted to bring up under miscellaneous. I’m trying to get the citizens to be more considerate and I know people wouldn’t want it done in their neighborhood so don’t do it in somebody else’s. We’re good enough to supply the facilities so just be considerate to your neighbors.”

Mr. Timmons – “I’m glad you mentioned that because I did receive a message from one of your constituents and it said I’m having an issue; it’s an issue with people dumping garbage in their trash can. It’s happened about 4 times now. I can get you guys an address to let you know but she did say thank you Mayor Barilla because you went up and helped her one time but it’s happening all the time and she’s getting really sick of it so I will give you guys the address; I’ll email you and let you know who this is.”

### **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