

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 21, 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, Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, & Hahn.

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 14, 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 – “I have three. It’s a notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; a stock liquor license to Speedway LLC at 201 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. 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 STCK 8418994-0705; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mr. Dressel 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.

The second one is a notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; a stock liquor license to Speedway LLC at 2619 Sunset Blvd. 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 STCK 8418994-1845; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mr. Paul 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. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

The third one is a notice to legislative authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control; a stock liquor license to Speedway LLC at 4455 Sunset Blvd. 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 STCK 8418994-0710; please sign below and mark the appropriate box indicating your title.”

Mr. Dressel 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. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – “Thank you Madam Clerk.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to go out of sessions for a brief moment. Second by Mr. Paul. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Paul made a motion for Council to come back into session. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 2021-70- BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**NO. 2021-71 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING UNIFORM GUIDANCE POLICIES REGARDING ALLOWABLE COSTS, TIME AND EFFORT, PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING, AND CASH MANAGEMENT POLICIES.**

**NO. 2021-73 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

**Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella**

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF LAKE ERIE AVENUE.**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor.” Mr. Paul sun shined an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an option and license agreement with Towerco 213, LLC for the purpose of licensing property for the erection of a cell tower and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Petrella.

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor I got a couple items here.” Mr. Villamagna made a motion to accept the Mayor’s reappointment of John Mascio Sr. to the Port Authority. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla. Mr. Villamagna also sun shined an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1992-20, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Steubenville, Ohio by rezoning property owned by First Church of Christ, Scientists, located at 600 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio, From “R-1” Low Density Residential District to “B-4” Professional and Business Office District. Second by Mr. Petrella.

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – “Yes I have one to sunshine.” Mr. Dressel sun shined an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute a cooperation agreement with the Jefferson County Engineers Department for the Asphalt Resurfacing of a portion of Sinclair Avenue (County Road 77) from the eastern most corporation limit to approximately 150 feet west of John Scott Highway in the City of Steubenville, authorizing payment therefore. Second by Mr. Petrella.

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes okay just want to mention again the Halloween Party at Beatty Park on October 16<sup>th</sup> and they are collecting candy. It can be dropped off at the MLK Center; I don’t think children have to sign up ahead of time but they will be serving lunch and then they’ll have different volunteers (all inaudible) and to hand out candy. And we are still looking for volunteers to be there to serve. I had one quick question for you Bob on the ordinance that we just had the first reading of for just vacating a portion of that is that what we want.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well we have to because there’s other property involved at the other section.”

Mr. Mastros – “There’s other owners.”

Mr. Villamagna – “There’s other owners that’s what I mean.”

Mr. Mastros – “So we would have to reach out to the other owners.”

Mr. Villamagna – “There are no owners with this property except Ohio Motor Group.”

Mr. Timmons – “I have been getting asked about Trick or Treat already. Do we have any times or days yet?”

Mayor Barilla – “It’s set for the 30<sup>th</sup>. It’s a Saturday.”

Mr. Timmons – “So Saturday and usually 5:30 to 7:30?”

Mayor Barilla – “5:00 to 7:00 I think it is.”

## **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Mr. Mavromatis – “We had signed up tonight Bob Scharnhorst of WIXZ AM 950; his concern was alert media and how it’s not needed. I spent an hour with him today and I explained everything to him. This isn’t just about the citizens it’s about our city and our employee workforce when issues come here we can notify them immediately; the department head can or I can send out a general notice to everyone, break it down by departments, break it down by individuals, break it down by Council, whatever it pertains too. That’s just one half of it the other is getting out to the public but something I wanted to let Council know remember we tried to go with reverse 911; we put that out, we used our news media everything the only thing they couldn’t do and I talked to the 911 Director this is for the entire county our population, our entire county there’s only 1,620 people that signed up. Now I had a phone call with our representative from alert media and we’re going to talk again this week this is very simple and as we have put out on our water bills and I’m also going to have an alert notification for all of the news media so they’ll be able to participate in this and they’ll be able to receive messages from this and talking to Mr. Scharnhorst he was very helpful and he wants to help the city. He would like his new station which is AM 950 it plays music all day but they can put emergency notifications out and I explained to him it’s not just one news station it’s everybody here that touches this city and this area here. So all of them will be parred up for that notification if needed. So we’re just about there. We’re going to do our blast out; News 9 is on board, Herald Star is on Board and the rest of the stations I’m waiting to talk to the directors that I need to talk so but we’re ready to get this out. I can’t make the people sign up but I would advise them this is in your best interest and with the generations that we’re dealing with today it’s very simple to fill out a form. They’ll go to this link and once they tap into it, it’ll bring out the necessary information you put on there and then the second page that you fill out is how you want to be notified by what means; by email, voice, or text messages and it can be multiple numbers, you may have a work phone and a private phone both of those can be sent notifications so it’s what that person fills out is how they will be notified and then we’ll be able to break it down with alert media to general areas of the city that we want to send our messages too.”

Mr. Petrella – “I have children in WV can they sign up for this?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes. The big thing that I explained to them that I wanted we have a lot of elderly people here that their children live in Columbus or other states in the country but they can sign up for this using; I would use their parents address for the simple fact that if something happens in that geographic address there that notification will go to them so they know there’s a water line break on that street. That’s part of the reason why that’s important because a lot of people don’t live from here but they have family here so they’re a part of that and again we will send this out (all inaudible) the parents will know about this but I wanted to let Council know that and he asked if he needed to come down tonight I said he was more than welcomed but I said I think I answered everything that you need. That’s all I have to report.”

Mr. Villamagna asked about the phone number for alert media and Mr. Mavromatis informed him to save that number into your phone and put it under as Alert Media and all calls and messages will come up as that.

Mr. Villamagna – “Jim I brought up before about Keagler Drive could you send Bob up there or even you go with him and ride down that street it’s horrible. It’s a bad wash board and if they don’t patch it by spring you’re not going to have a street there.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Okay I’ll check it tomorrow.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

Mrs. Anyabwile talked about a correspondence she received from SVRTA and how they our having meetings for the public on different days, times, and all throughout the city and wanting to get the citizens opinions and they are also adding and changing more routes to their daily schedules.

Mrs. Hahn also commented about Tim Turner from SVRTA contacting her and wondering if the city could donate cans because a lot of people are leaving trash at their new bus stops.

Mr. Mavromatis said he would contact Mr. Turner and discuss this with him.

## 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