

**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 28, 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 Petrella, Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, & Paul.

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

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for September 21, 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. 2021-70- BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 2nd 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 – 2nd 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. 2021-72 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

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.

NO. 2021-73 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF LAKE ERIE AVENUE.

NO. 2021-74 – BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Messrs. Villamagna, Dressel, Hahn

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.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2021-74. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-74 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-74 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

NO. 2021-75 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Petrella – Mr. Petrella made a motion to accept the Mayor’s reappointment of Teresa DiCarlantonio to the Planning and Zoning Board. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Timmons – No Report

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor just one thing. I asked Jim the other day about Keagler Drive and then he and I had a conversation about some of the streets in the town and also with Mr. Dolak and there’s not enough money to pave all the streets that need paved so I’d like to see if we can maybe get some of this money that’s going to be left over from this American Rescue Plan; if we can take some of that money because some of these streets are in bad shape and I understand that there’s not money so if we can get a little bit extra money at the end there with some leftover because we got some big projects going on with the water and everything maybe we can take care of some of the streets; downtown, hilltops, west end I mean there are so many streets that are in bad shape that need repaired.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I think what would be helpful Bob is for each Council person to identify some streets in their ward and then once we get the final determination from treasury then we’ll have an idea then what kind of money we’re going to truly have and maybe we can do one in each of the wards then. It just depends on the cost and how bad.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Thank Jim. Just a little bit of; I got a call from a guy that said the city is not helping him out with his project; he’s trying to get a store opened up. Well he’s already put money into the store and everything; remodeling it before he came down and found out what he’s allowed to do and what he’s not allowed to do so what he wants to do is going to cost a lot more money than what he does so he’s blaming the city. So he called me and I told him listen these are the codes, this is what you have to do; if people would come to the city first and say I’m planning on opening up such and such a store and get the rules and regulations it would go a lot smoother and a lot cheaper for them because when these guys come to inspect they are actually protecting you because I don’t want anybody building anything for me that’s a shoemaker and somebody gets hurt in my business or something you know. It would be a lot easier and I don’t think people understand that the codes they just think oh they got their sights set on opening up a store and they got a deal on a building so they buy it but then when they start finding out that you need a ventilation systems, you need sprinkler systems, you need this you need that so just something for the public. A little phone will save you a little bit of problems. That’s all I had tonight.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – No Report

Mr. Dressel – “I have one thing to sunshine.” Mr. Dressel sun shined an ordinance authorizing the payment for the project known as the Lincoln Blvd. Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repair Project to be paid from funds received from the American Rescue Plan and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Villamagna.

Mrs. Hahn – “Yes I have a couple of reappointments.” Mrs. Hahn made a motion to accept the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint Eliza Kelly to the Parks and Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mrs. Hahn also made a motion to accept the Mayor’s recommendation to reappoint Dave Albaugh to the Parks and Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mrs. Hahn – Mrs. Hahn also informed every one of the Friends of Beatty Park meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. She also wanted to remind everyone about the Trick or Treat event that will be happening on October 16th in Beatty Park.

Lori Fetherolf updated Council on how all the parks are being vandalized in some way because of a Tik Tok challenge and explained how Parks and Rec doesn’t have the extra money to continue to fix these things but they are replacing everything that was damaged and if anyone has any information on who did it to please contact her.

Mr. Paul – “Yes you’re Honor.” Mr. Paul sun shined an ordinance repealing Chapter 129 of the Administrative Code (Title 5) and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Mr. Paul also sun shined two resolutions; one for October 3-9, 2021 to be known as Fire Prevention week and a resolution proclaiming October 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 15th as National Mammography Day. Both second by Mr. Villamagna. Mr. Paul also called for a Safety Committee Meeting for October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. Tonight Council passed for our licensing agreement for our tower that’s going to be at Murphy’s field but one of the conditions that we asked them is if we can replace a repeater on there to assist us for our cameras throughout the city. So this is a great strategically area that we’ll be able to put a repeater in there. Also it is solely our tower when our water tower goes in out on the west end at the end of

Lovers Lane which we will have a repeater there. That way this will help enhance covering the rest of the city as we need it. I will let Council know that the Commissioners there they have been very good to the city on things that we've had asked for. They have always supported us on our parks with the awards that they give out every year and I had a brief conversation with Mr. Morelli yesterday we're going to look at some other things that they might be able to help us out with. Everybody is waiting to get the final guidance on the money that they have but I can clearly tell you this Mr. Morelli understands that we are the County seat and you know we need assistance here. So I appreciate your support sir and I'll be talking with you in the future. We're working on a couple things from the safety side again I've been getting briefed daily by the Chief and this is for the security of our city and we constantly work on it and again where we're at as a City now with the numbers of cameras that we have in place have greatly assisted us in solving a lot of the crimes here. Our narcotics division has done an outstanding job the last several weeks with a large amount of seizures that they have some of these things we've been unable to put in the paper because they are still following up on the investigation. But rest assured your detectives are doing their job up there and that's all I have tonight Mayor."

Mr. Villamagna – "Chief we've been talking about those repeaters and stuff is there still; because there use to be some dead spots but are there as many as there use to be? Have radios improved now?"

Chief McCafferty – "Yeah the radios; I mean we're getting new radios but they're good but the only thing is you know there's an app you can put on your phone; you know how we use to go to code?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah."

Chief McCafferty – "Yeah we don't have that anymore."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yeah you can't do that anymore. But we used to have dead spots some places the radio wouldn't work."

Chief McCafferty – "Yeah no it's good all over but I believe the new radios are going to have something to eliminate but no we have good connections."

Mr. Mavromatis – "But all these are Bob is for enhancing our camera capability. The ideal thing would be where we can put up a camera anywhere in this city that we need one for a specific..."

Mr. Villamagna – "The repeater has bearing on the camera?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "Oh yeah absolutely. It beams it down to our system here at the City Building but we're already doing it now from certain areas in the city this will fulfill getting out to the west end."

Mr. Villamagna – "I didn't know it affected the cameras."

Mr. Mavromatis – "Yeah I mean that's how it's being sent. Its radio sent."

Mr. Mastros – No Report

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