

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 06, 2014.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday, October 06, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Kenneth M. Dooner, Matthew A. Schonhut, and Duke Southworth. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resources Director Steve Kilo, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak and Fire Chief Jeff Branic.

Absent: Council Member: J. Scott Maloney

Council President Daymut called the caucus to order at 7:17 p.m.

Note: Councilman Duke Southworth arrived at 7:22 p.m.

The following Council Committees met to review legislation on the agenda:

Planning, Zoning and Engineering: Mr. Daymut stated Ordinance No. 2014-172, an ordinance amending sections 1252.05, 1252.20 and 1253.11 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances, received a favorable recommendation from Planning Commission. This will be placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on November 17, 2014. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2014-182, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Engineer to prepare and submit an application for State of Ohio Issue 1 funding for improvements to the Prospect Road and Albion Road intersection. Ordinance No. 2014-183 also pertains to Ohio Issue 1 funding for improvements to the sanitary sewer system in connection with the Bowman Drive/Fetzer Drive sanitary sewer project. Mayor Perciak stated there are all kinds of new state-wide laws coming out in the beginning of next year; therefore, administration will be taking a more aggressive approach going forward reassessing any areas that still need to be done. Resolution No. 2014-184 pertains to confirming Planning Commission's approval of the final site plan for three antennas located at 16099 Foltz Parkway. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt on that resolution. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2014-185, a resolution confirming Planning Commission approval of the final site plan for construction of a pavilion and parking lot addition for the Strongsville United Methodist Church.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio stated Ordinance No. 2014-178, an ordinance to approve and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement to provide public safety dispatch services to the City of Berea, will be placed on second reading. Ordinance No. 2014-186 pertains to entering into agreements with TAC Computer Inc. for continuation of computer software and maintenance services for the Strongsville police and fire Departments. This will also include the city's regional public safety dispatch center. This agreement is for the remainder of 2014 and for the year 2015. This ordinance will be placed on first reading because all seven votes of council are needed and Councilman Maloney is absent this evening. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2014-187, an ordinance approving and authorizing an agreement with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court in connection with the community diversion program for the year 2015. Resolution No. 2014-188 pertains to a donation by The Strongsville Rotary Foundation of sixty student chairs for the police department's safety town.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Mr. DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2014-189, an ordinance authorizing the sale by internet auction of certain obsolete property no longer needed by the recreation department. Mr. DeMio asked about Halloween and when trick-or-treating will be. Mayor Perciak stated as of now, trick-or-treating will still be on Friday, Halloween night.

Finance Committee: Chairman Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2014-190. This is an appropriations ordinance. Mr. Dooner stated there will be a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 19th, 2014 to discuss the 2015 budget. It will be at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor's conference room.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut stated he will give a report of his September 22nd Committee meeting during the regular council meeting.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Daymut briefly reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Carbone inquired about quiet zones for trains and asked if we have explored that in the past. Mayor Perciak stated there was discussion in the past and asked Ken Mikula to pull that information. Mr. Daymut commented that it requires a double gate and, to the best of his knowledge, Olmsted Falls is the only one around our area that has one. Mr. DeMio recounted that in the past there was a resident in Ward 3 that got stuck on the tracks (Westwood tracks), so they talked about getting the double gates. The review determined that it would be a major project and extremely costly. There was also discussion at that time about the noise of the train whistles and horns. They do that as a safety precaution, which is federally mandated. Mr. DeMio then commented about the poor condition of the railroad tracks on Royalton Road. Mayor Perciak stated that area will be closed from October 29th-November 5th to work on that area. It could possibly take two weeks to complete work over there. All the businesses in that area have been notified. Mr. DeMio also asked if they would be cleaning up the railroad ties. Mr. Walker stated he will request that when the work is being done over there. Mr. Carbone stated he has spoken to a supervisor at CSX (Dustin) and they will be cleaning up the Westwood Drive and Prospect Road railroad area.

Mr. Kraus commented that the city's contract with American Water (Ordinance No. 2014-162) was transmitted to them for execution. Once signed, they will return the executed documents back to us.

Mr. DeMio asked the Mayor if there has been any update to the selling of used cars in a residential district. Mr. Kraus stated that is being worked on. Mayor Perciak asked that if Council is receiving any calls pertaining to this to please direct them to the building department. These complaints will be handled on a case by case basis.

Mr. Dubovec stated that Council will be receiving the proposed 2015 budget packet by November 3rd.

****Mr. Daymut noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose of discussing the sale of property no longer needed for public purposes; and personnel matters involving the compensation of certain public employees. It was so moved by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Dooner to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:33 p.m. Present were Councilman Daymut, Councilman Dooner, Councilman Southworth, Councilman DeMio, Councilman Carbone, Councilman Schonhut, Mayor Perciak, Law Director Ken Kraus and Economic Development Director Brent Painter. The Mayor, Law Director and Economic Development Director left the executive session at 7:47 p.m. The executive session concluded at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened back into open session.****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 06, 2014 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Daymut called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-273.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Matthew A. Schonhut, Joseph C. DeMio, Duke Southworth, Michael J. Daymut, Kenneth M. Dooner, and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak, and Fire Chief Jeff Branich.

Absent: Councilman J. Scott Maloney.

****Motion was made by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to excuse Councilman J. Scott Maloney from tonight's meeting for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.****

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 15, 2014 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut, the big news with Southwest is that the new Pandrangi Tower is going to be opened up in the next couple of weeks-October 9th. There is an open house, October 11th, so I encourage all council members and anybody from Strongsville to attend. It is from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a tour; there will be free blood pressure screenings, and other sorted activities and refreshments. We also had a trustee meeting last week. The hospital is doing well. Bill Vassil, who is in the audience, was saying what great care he got. I did make that report to the board meeting Bill; I just wanted to let you know that. That is all I have for my committee, if there are any questions I'd be more than...

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – If I may elaborate Mr. Southworth a little bit on the opening of the Pandrangi Tower. Dr. Pandrangi, as most of you know, has served our community for probably the past thirty plus years. He is a wonderful plastic surgeon, just a brilliant surgeon, and has given many years of his time and talent to the Southwest Communities here. He and his wife Lisa, after much consideration, decided that they wanted to give back to our community; so the Pandrangi family donated three million dollars to Southwest General Hospital for the new addition to the hospital- as most of you can see. As all of you know, everything going on in the medical business is changing dramatically. As Councilman Southworth indicated, there is going to be an open house to the public on Saturday. It is worth your time to go there and see that. I think that reception begins at 6:45 p.m. for Dr. Pandrangi and his family. I think at 5:30 p.m. they are going to have an unveiling of what they call a wall of fame, or the givers who donated less than three million dollars. It is quite an exciting day for Southwest General, this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday as the councilman indicated. If you have a chance or an opportunity and see Dr. Pandrangi or Mrs. Pandrangi, Lisa, marvelous human beings who have done wonders for our community-Lisa is also a nurse by the way; if you see them thank them. They themselves wanted to give back to our community and have done so in a very generous way. Thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor. Thank you Mr. Southworth, any questions for Mr. Southworth this evening?

(None)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Thank you Mr. Daymut, I attended the last work session for the school board. The big topic was the state report card which Strongsville had the greatest movement with seven points, putting them at the top three in the state of improvement from last year. Their overall grade was a “High B”. The nice thing was they were happy about it, but they weren’t satisfied with it; so there’s going to be a lot more movement, a lot more work on the administration, with the teachers and working with parents to try and get that up to an “A” rating. Just to tell you a little bit, the state report cards are a lot different than they were a year ago. The rating that we got this year-if you go back in time when you had “Excellent”, “Excellent with Distinction”, etc. -this would be equivalent to an “Excellent with Distinction.” We did very well and it was very exciting to hear that we made vast improvements from last year. This rating, they take into account half of last year also; so we’re looking for bigger and better things when it comes to the report card next year, but being mindful that the OGT Testing is next year. The state is completely changing it, so there’s a huge unknown there. There are a lot of hurdles and obstacles, but I think our kids will overcome them and do very well. Another thing that was talked about over the last months with the schools, or a couple of weeks, was the recommendation that was presented to the superintendent about closing some buildings. They took into account that currently we have twenty empty classrooms. With the opening of the new middle school, that will increase to forty. There is going to be a lot of things taken into account. It’s in the hands of the Utilization Taskforce, which I’m going to be a part of; so I want to reach out to you guys and let you know that we really want community input. That is why last week we had two public meetings; we wanted to hear the input from the community. We had decent attendance, but it was all good stuff, it was all great concerns or support for the recommendation as of right now. That was real big. If you have any questions, if you have any concerns, any complaints, please feel free to email me or call me. The process here has been outstanding, and I think when we look back at what happened with Allen Elementary years ago...we’re looking at that, and we wanted to make sure that the process this time was done properly. I can tell you one hundred percent the process has been unbelievable.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd): Moving on, one of our Strongsville girls, Eva Pate won the gold medal in ice dancing, silver level, nationally; so that is a great achievement. Our 8th grade boy's football program is undefeated; and our varsity boys, what a vast improvement from last year with only one loss this year. They'll need your support coming up in the next coming weeks. They have Hudson, Brunswick, and Mentor still. We have a lot of things going on in the schools, a lot of great things. Again, your input with those facilities is very important; we want to be a voice of the community. If you want to voice any of concerns or support please call me or email me. That concludes my report.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone this evening?

(None)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Daymut, neither of these committees have either any resolutions or ordinances on the agenda tonight, but I will happily take any questions for either committee.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Schonhut, are there any questions for Mr. Schonhut this evening?

(None)

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:

See Building and Utilities Above

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I will give a brief report of our meeting of Monday, September 22nd. We did review our business network breakfast from September 18th. I'd like to thank Cuyahoga Community College for sponsoring that particular event. We did receive no report from our Tech Committee. Also at that meeting we did get an update on the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), which is helping us with a grant with our Towne Center. I'd like to also announce that there will be a public meeting tentatively set for Thursday, November 13th at the library, it will be at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who would be interested and like to help us out in obtaining a grant, revitalizing our Towne Center here with the transportation and other buildings, please mark it on your calendar. We received a report again from Team NEO, economic development. We did receive the Plus Award. Also, Brent Painter had given us a report on his attendance of the International Manufacturing Technology Show in Chicago. It is something we do every year to promote the City of Strongsville. Our business meeting will be November 6th, and Bill Wills will be our host. Now there are certain tables that are available, so please if any of our business partners here is town would like to give us an idea of what they do and be at that particular event, please contact Brent Painter. Tables are going very fast and there's also advertisements you'll see in the paper and throughout the city. We are scheduling a tour for the new Cuyahoga County Administrative headquarters. It should take place either this month or early next month. We received a business update, and our next meeting will be Monday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. here in the council chambers. That's all I have this evening under Economic Development, any questions for myself?

(None)

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President if I May?

Mr. Daymut – Yes Mayor

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – The actual fair, the actual date is November 6th. We are going to start probably about 4:30 p.m. a preliminary. Right about now, I think we have probably ten table tops available. We're really almost at a maximum. We are just receiving "asks" from several different businesses from the entire southwest suburban area; so if there is any Strongsville business that has not yet registered with our Economic Development Director, please give him a call. Mr. President, if I may, I'd like to ask our Economic Development Director to share with everybody here the news about Akzo Nobel.

Mr. Painter – Thank you Mayor, Council President, Councilmen, we are thrilled to announce that earlier this last month, about the middle of September, we've been working with Akzo Nobel which has a R and D center in our community on Sprague Road. They will be relocating to another building in Strongsville. With that relocation, they will be making a major investment in our community. Their new facility will be the Global R and D center for their coding division at Akzo Nobel. To give you some scope of that, Akzo Nobel is the largest chemical manufacturer in the world. They're based out of the Netherlands. To have a Global R and D center for that company in our community is just a wonderful thing and we're thrilled to continue to work with them and help them grow, and more good things to come, thank you.

Mayor Perciak – Truly, it's a remarkable achievement to be able to attract and to house here the Global R and D for a company whose headquarters is in Holland. We would also like to thank our own-he probably doesn't want to have his name mentioned, but the manager of that entire operation lives here in Strongsville, Ohio. He has just been absolutely remarkable as to how he went to bat for his home community, and we can't thank him enough. We appreciate everything that he has done to help us and to enable us to make sure that this global giant will invest in our community here. Are we at liberty at this point to discuss the amount of the investment in this building?

Mr. Painter – Mayor, I don't know about specific terms, but significant dollars- \$10 million+ over the term of the project, as a beginning point.

Mayor Perciak – That's it Mr. President.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor, any other questions for myself this evening?

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Dooner: Thank you Mr. Daymut, before us this evening we have Ordinance No. 2014-190. This is our almost monthly appropriation for annual expenses and other expenditures for the City of Strongsville. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. That's all we have Mr. Daymut.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Dooner, any questions for Mr. Dooner this evening?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney: In Mr. Maloney's absence, I will give his report this evening. First we have Ordinance No. 2014-172. This did receive a favorable recommendation from Planning Commission. It will be placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on November 17, 2014. Also, Ordinance No. 2014-182 which is suspension and adoption. This is applying for Issue One funding from the State of Ohio for improvements to Albion Road and Prospect Road. That did receive a favorable recommendation. Ordinance No. 2014-183, that also received a favorable recommendation. This is also applying for Issue One funding from the State of Ohio in connection with the Bowman Drive, Fetzer Drive sanitary sewer. Resolution No. 2014-184 is confirming the Planning Commission approval of three new antennas for Sprint on Foltz Parkway. That received a favorable recommendation. Finally, Resolution No. 2014-185 which is the resolution for confirming the Planning Commission approval of the final site plan for the Methodist Church pavilion and parking lot. Again, that did receive a favorable recommendation. That is all I have under Planning, Zoning, and Engineering; any questions for me this evening?

(None)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have four pieces of legislation- ordinances and resolutions. Real quick, Ordinance No. 2014-178 and Ordinance No. 2014-186 will not be voted on tonight. They both will be placed on second reading. Berea is reading there's, I believe, tonight; or voting on it tonight. We'll vote on it, hopefully, on October 20th. Ordinance No. 2014-186, we need all seven councilmen, obviously. Our Ward 4 councilman is not here, so we will not vote on that. Ordinance No. 2014-187 and Resolution No. 2014-188 will both be suspension and adoption. I'm going to turn my hat over for Resolution No. 2014-188 and ask Mr. Dooner maybe to explain that donation, since he is the guru of The Rotary and helping us with Safety Town. I've got to say this, you know you Ken; you have helped with Safety Town a couple of different times. I want to thank you for the kids. Now it seems like my kids are too old to have ever of been to Safety Town; but it quite an awesome little place when you're a little kid learning your way around out town. If you could give the folks a snapshot of what The Rotary do and maybe how you came to the conclusion of helping.

Mr. Dooner – The Strongsville Rotary, which I've been a member since longer than I care to remember-I think 1994, is the largest civic organization in the City of Strongsville. In a few years back... we do a lot of things to help the city and to give back to the city. Currently, they just started to build...finished building the Strongsville Food Bank-we did for the food bank, The Rotary did. Years ago, we helped build Safety Town. Basically, if you have never seen it, or don't remember it, like I don't, we took a lot of buildings and built them like buildings that are around here like Pat Catans, the historical buildings, etc.; we built that at Safety Town. The thing is when the kids then go through Safety Town, and then they have the graduation...it turns out they didn't have enough chairs; so The Rotary donated sixty student chairs for the kids so they had somewhere to sit as they were going through all of their stuff. If you haven't seen it, it's really kind of cool. It is behind the Senior Center and it is a pretty neat thing.

Mr. DeMio – We all thank you, I just wanted to make that known.

Mr. Dooner – I wish I did more than you think I did.

Mr. DeMio – Are you kidding me? Anytime I've ever been late it's cost me one dollar, that's what I do know. That's part of their little gimmick; they raise a couple of dollars each day. If you are late to their meeting, they charge you a dollar.

Mayor Perciak – (Unintelligible)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):

Mr. Dooner – For the food bank, is it October 31st? October 31, 2014 will be the...if you didn't know, the food bank was over by Center Middle School, that's where it was. With the building of the new school, Mr. Carbone kicked the food bank out...

(Laughter)

Mr. Carbone - I knew that was coming.

Mr. Dooner - ...so a couple of guys in The Rotary got the great idea of building a new food bank. The new food bank is right behind the Communications Center right over by the Historical Society. The Rotary raised all the money. It was all done with donations and the help of a lot of people in The Rotary and outside The Rotary, of donating money. One of the big spear headers on that was also, which to nobody's surprise, would be Mr. Mike Catan. He helped donate a lot of that. He helped set it up and make sure that money was raised. It's really kind of a cool thing, and October 31st is going to be the ribbon cutting. Everybody is welcome to come. I think we are doing it right after the...at 8:30 a.m. after our Rotary meeting, so all The Rotary guys will be there. The Strongsville Rotary has roughly one hundred and sixty members. It's a pretty big group and it is a lot of fun too.

Mr. DeMio – Well, you are the Chair...

Mr. Dooner - I am not the Chair, but I do cause enough trouble.

Mr. DeMio – Yes you do, but I thank you Mayor, thanks for bringing that up because they do such a good job. I don't think people realize how much food is distributed from that facility. We thank all the people, and I mean this, bless all the people. That really helps because that is an awesome project. With that, unless there are questions, I do want to make a little statement for the school. I thank the school system for a safe homecoming. Mayor, I thank the police department for making it also safe. My daughter, as you know, is a senior this year. This is her last event. It was a little more emotional probably for the parents, like me, because this is her last homecoming. You'll always wonder if your child will be ok. The school system and the police department have done an outstanding job, so salute them for us. Ms. Ludwig if you could; let them know at the next meeting that we do appreciate all that they do.

Mayor Perciak – And to the Principal, Mark Smithberger, he was on top of everything here. There was a lot of discussion this morning on WTAM radio about how efficient, and how that whole thing ran smoothly. As you listen to this discussion, you knew that Mark's hands were through this thing from beginning to end. We're appreciative of all of the things that Mark does over there. We extend our thanks to him.

Mr. DeMio – I'm going to close the Committee.

Mr. Southworth – Actually, one comment, this is a Hallmark moment. This is the first time we've had a discussion about homecoming and prom without having a Matt Schonhut joke.

Mr. Daymut – Moving on...Is there any questions for Mr. DeMio, or any other questions?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – I thought he went with Joe's daughter.

(Laughter)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: I do not have any ordinances or resolutions this evening, but I would like to say as Joe's daughter is moving out it is probably a good thing The Rotary donated all of those chairs. My son will be going into the school system next year, and prior be going to Safety Town. Any of our events that are at our home-we have a big family. We'll probably be using up sixty chairs from our family alone, so thanks Ken.

(Laughter)

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone this evening?

(None)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have one ordinance on this evening's agenda. It is Ordinance No. 2014-189. This is authorizing the Mayor to sell obsolete tech equipment over at the recreation center. I would just like to highlight Jason Keppler. I'm coaching fall baseball, and Jason has been great in coordinating all the leagues and dealing with all of the rainouts, and we're still playing baseball. I know he is balancing basketball season coming up, and he just does a great job with some many balls up in the air...juggling them, and keeping everybody on schedule. I'd like to...from me to Bryan (Bogre), to thank Jason; to publicly recognize Jason's fine work at the recreation center. With that, I think that is all that I have.

Mayor Perciak – I think there is one other thing. Bryan, how many basketball teams do we have this year? Last year we had eighty some.

Mr. Bogre – We're actually up this year a hundred kids from last year.

Mayor Perciak - There you go.

Mr. Southworth – I mean he does a great job.

Mayor Perciak – Yes

Mr. Bogre – Yes he does, I'll let him know, thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you and that is all that I have. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Southworth, any questions for Mr. Southworth this evening?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Daymut: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. Are there any questions for myself?

(None)

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICERS:

Mayor Perciak: Thank you Mr. President, I will waive my time in favor-the Fire Chief gave me several memos to discuss here tonight. As I discussed this with him this morning and later this evening, I said, "Chief, if I sit up here and read these memos, they're going to say what does this guy know about any of this?" So, the Mayor is going to defer his time to the professional, to Fire Chief Branich, and Chief would you please explain about our ratings and everything else.

Mr. Branich – Thank you Mayor, Council President, members of council, and members of the audience. What I would first like to start out with is that this is Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week started last Sunday, and will go through Saturday, October 11th. The observance of the week started to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. We now focus during Fire Prevention Week on being aware of the dangers of fire, and what we can do to prevent them. We also focus on what to do to protect yourself and your family in the event of a fire.

Sadly, most fire deaths occur in the home. By taking the responsibility to prepare, you can decrease the chances of you or your family not escaping a fire in your home safely. The first step is to have working smoke detectors in your home. The key word is working. Check the batteries. Test your smoke detectors once a month. Smoke detectors have a life of about ten years. If you need to replace them consider replacing them with a photoelectric version. You should have at least one smoke detector on every floor of your home. Once you have working smoke detectors, the next step is to have an escape plan for you and your family. Think of a fire drill at school and that's what you want to have at home. Everyone knows what to do and everyone knows where to go. Once you're outside the house, count noses to make sure everyone is accounted for. Call 911. Most importantly, don't go back inside. For more information on fire safety you can call the fire department at 440-580-3210 or stop by any one of our fire stations and we would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Moving on, as the Mayor talked about, The Strongsville Department of Fire and Emergency Services recently completed a review by the Insurance Service Office, Inc. also known as "ISO". ISO collects and evaluates information from communities in the United States on their structure fire suppression capabilities. The data is analyzed and then a Public Protection Classification number is assigned to a community. The Public Protection Classification number plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. Most U. S. insurers use the Public Protection Classification information as part of their decision making when deciding what business to write, coverages to offer, or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance.

The ISO Public Protection Classification program evaluates communities according to a uniform set of criteria using nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association. A community's Public Protection Classification depends on available water supply, emergency communications, and the fire department's competency. The ISO rating scale has 10 classes. A Class 10, the lowest rating, and indicates that the community's fire suppression program does not meet minimum standards. A Class 1 represents an exemplary fire suppression program.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS
AND OTHER OFFICERS (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak (cont'd):

Mr. Branich (cont'd) - As a result of the ISO review, Strongsville has moved from a Class 4 to a Class 3. Out of over 48,000 fire protection communities in the United States, the ISO Class 3 designation places Strongsville in the top 7% nationally. Our regional emergency dispatch initiative, the Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center, was very positively reflected in the Emergency Communications portion of the rating process. The Emergency Communications comprised a possible 10% of the total score. That Emergency Communications earned 9.83 points out of a possible 10.

(Applause)

Mr. Branich – I'm very proud to give you these figures and tell you that your fire department is out there doing a pretty good job. We're going to relish the moment and pat ourselves on the back for being at the top 7%. We're going to take a deep breath and look to in being in the top 1%, thank you very much.

(Applause)

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Chief Branich, anything else Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – No

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, are there any questions for the Mayor this evening?

(None)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec: Thank you Mr. President, I will merely state that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding. That ends my report, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Dubovec, any questions for Mr. Dubovec this evening?

(None)

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus: Mr. President, all ordinances and resolutions before Council are in proper legal form, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Kraus, any questions for Mr. Kraus this evening?

(None)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Daymut – We've moved to that portion of our agenda for audience participation. Comments from members of the audience shall be limited to five minutes. We do have a sign-in sheet; Bruce Forster, please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Bruce Forster, 19722 Tanbark Lane, Strongsville, OH - Thank you, my name is Bruce Forster, I live at 19722 Tanbark Lane in Strongsville and I am a fifty year Strongsville resident, so I have been here a long time. We really have a terrible problem with deer in our area. This seems to me that it is getting worse and worse being there that long. When we first moved out here, you never saw a deer. To see a deer, you would say, "Oh, look honey, there's a deer," and everybody would run to the window. Now, we have anywhere from eight to ten/twelve going through the yard. My yard has been like almost totally destroyed in the last two or three years. I've probably lost thousands of dollars in plants and shrubbery, as a lot of my neighbors have. I mean there are yards on the street which were beautiful, lush, and green; and now they is nothing but brown dirt, which I find very disturbing.

I think that the deer problem has totally gotten out of hand. I mean when you can see deer strolling down the street in the middle of the day, there's a problem. I work at a school; I work at Drake Elementary school. I do the playground. I see deer on that playground 2-3 times a week. That is really something that I think is very dangerous. The other day, I saw a doe nursing a fawn right in the middle of Fair Road where the railroad tracks are. She just stood there, cars went around on the left; cars went around on the right. I mean it has gotten totally out of hand. I've talked to the Metroparks; I've talked to a gentleman that is in charge of all the culling for the Metroparks. I asked him how they decide on a number. He said, "Well, that is given to us by the Department of Natural Resources, we don't have any control over it." I said, "Well, you know where we live." He says, "Yes, I do." I asked him if he has any idea what the deer population is now. In their most current estimate, which he feels is very accurate, is somewhere between 30-35 deer per square mile in the Mill Stream Run Reservation. I mean, to me that is a number that is totally unmanageable. I think that something has to be done. Last year in Cuyahoga County there were 343 car/deer accidents. Basically, each accident exhibited the cost of approximately \$3900.00 per occurrence. I'm sure there were some less, some more.

I don't know what can be done with this. It's hard...the Metroparks says, "We can't really do it." The city, I don't know what they say but, to me, it seems like it is definitely a city problem when these things are wandering down city streets in the middle of the day... where they come from. I mean, our yard goes down into the Metroparks, so I expect deer, I see deer. The deer don't even bother my back yard. They come around the houses and they go eating down the whole street. When we first moved there or maybe 10-12 years ago, the deer would come in the fall and you know your flowers were pretty much done blooming. Then you would come out one morning and they are about that high (showed with hand a height). Well, you know, we never bought any of that again. But now, it's like they wait and watch when you plant the things. That night, they're there; and anybody that tells you that liquid fence or any of these other things are good, they are not. I've used them for years, they just don't work. I was given some information by an older friend of mine. He said the thing to try to do is set out some pie pans with ammonia in them. I tried that; that doesn't work either. It also to me added insult to injury that there are deer feces all over the yard. I mean I have taken it out of my yard by the shovel full.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Forster (cont'd) - I'm just hoping...I know that there are some suburbs that are in the process of passing ordinances or have, I don't know, but like the one gentlemen told me that is in charge of the culling, he says, "Everybody has to work together on this." He also told me, "Cities can do culling on their own." That I don't know, but I guess what I am sort of doing is asking you folks maybe if you can somehow, someway give us some help, either the city or the city in conjunction with the Metroparks. Something has to be done. It has gotten unmanageable. Thank you very much.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Bruce, we appreciate it. That's the end of our sign-in sheet, is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council this evening? Please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

John Pestovic, 19723 Tanbark Lane, Strongsville, OH – My name is John Pestovic, I reside right across the street from Mr. Forster. I've been a resident of Strongsville for twenty years. I just printed some information out which is on the internet; you can access anything. The turn of the century in the State of Ohio deer were nonexistent. Now, the population in the State of Ohio is estimated to be 750,000. Nobody really knows what the population of deer was in the United States when the country was first populated by white men. Through the years, there really hasn't been many deer; and if the population was high, the deer were just naturally culled out by the settlers, by the Indians. So the population was kept in check. There were no hunting restrictions and basically there was no quota that you were really allowed to take, so there was no problem. But just like Mr. Forster, my yard has been devastated. We can't grow anything and I think the deer consider the deer fence, liquid and other things as strictly salad for the hostas and the other blossoms. We have our one neighbor, which he is present here tonight, had predominately grown many varieties of hostas. I thought I was doing a great thing; we were doing some landscaping and I dug out all my large hostas and I gave it to the Browns. Larry planted them, and they were gone in a couple of days. The deer thought it was a gift to them I guess. We do need help on the street, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you John, we appreciate it. Is there anyone else that would like to address Council this evening?

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2014-172 by Mr. Carbone and Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1252.05, 1252.20, AND SECTION 1253.11, OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH R1-125 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS.

Placed on second reading; set for a public hearing on November 17, 2014 and then referred back to Committee.

Ordinance No. 2014-178 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES TO THE CITY OF BEREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on second reading and referred back to Committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2014-182 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR STATE OF OHIO ISSUE 1 FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ALBION ROAD AND PROSPECT ROAD INTERSECTION, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-182 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2014-183 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR STATE OF OHIO ISSUE 1 FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOWMAN DRIVE/FETZER DRIVE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-183 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2014-184 by Mr. Maloney. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE ADDITION AND CO-LOCATION OF THREE (3) NEW ANTENNAS, ON AN EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16099 FOLTZ PARKWAY (PPN 393-12-002 and 393-10-001), IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2014-184 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2014-185 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVILION AND PARKING LOT ADDITION FOR THE STRONGSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2014-185 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2014-186 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH TAC COMPUTER, INC. FOR CONTINUATION OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE STRONGSVILLE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE CITY'S REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH CENTER, FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2014 AND FOR 2015, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to Committee.

Ordinance No. 2014-187 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT IN CONNECTION WITH A COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM TO ADDRESS JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR AND STATUS OFFENDERS IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FOR THE YEAR 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-187 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2014-188 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF SIXTY NEW STUDENT CHAIRS FROM THE STRONGSVILLE ROTARY FOUNDATION FOR USE AT THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SAFETY TOWN.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2014-188 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2014-189 by Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-189 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2014-190 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2014 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-154.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-190 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

October 20, 2014
Date of Approval