

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2016.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Council President Southworth called the caucus to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Mr. Daymut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-004. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with ODOT in connection with the I-71/SR-82 Royalton Road Interchange Improvements Project. Ordinance No. 2016-005 is a purchase agreement for an easement at 10890 Prospect Road. This is in connection with the Albion and Prospect Roads Intersection Improvements Project. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that ordinance. Mr. Schonhut asked if there will be a need to purchase more easements. Mayor Perciak stated that was the last easement; however, we still need the money for the road widening. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Resolution No. 2016-006. This is to advertise for bids for the Pearl Road Repair and Resurface Project. This project will cover Pearl Road from Shurmer Road to the Ohio Turnpike. Ordinance No. 2016-007 is to accept the plat of Siedel Farms Subdivision No. 4. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this ordinance. Resolution No. 2016-008 is to accept for dedication certain streets within Siedel Farms Subdivision No. 4. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this resolution. Mr. DeMio asked what the total number of lots are in that subdivision. Mr. Mikula stated there are a total of 155 lots. Mayor Perciak stated that area was supposed to be just cluster homes, but they replatted and now have 104 lots for clusters and 51 lots for single family.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2015-009. This is to advertise for EMS billing. Mr. DeMio advised that in the past, this was very important in order to acquire fire trucks, pumpers, equipment, etc. It has since branched to include police needs as well. Mr. Draves advised the current contract is set to expire April 30th. The current contract is a two year contract with a one year extension. The current bid would be for a three year contract with two, one-year extensions.

Mayor Perciak advised the city will be hiring a new police officer in the future. Mayor Perciak also advised that the city received Laura Hayes's (the Dispatch Supervisor) letter of notice pertaining to her retirement. She will be leaving at the end of the month. There is no current update for the negotiations with the dispatchers and correction officers.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-010. The is approving and authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District under the 2016 Community Recycling Awareness Grant Program. Ordinance No. 2016-011 is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for uniform rental and related services through 2017 for use by the service department. The contract is with Cintas and the amount is not to exceed \$23,995.40. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that ordinance. Resolution No. 2016-012 is to grant permission to transfer certain certificates for burial rights in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery (Norris/Grace Church of Middleburg Heights, Ohio). This also involves waiving the transfer fee. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that resolution.

Finance Committee: Chairman Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-013. This is an appropriations ordinance for the annual expenses and other expenditures of the City of Strongsville for the year 2016 and repealing Ordinance No. 2015-253. Mr. Dubovec advised that the preliminary budget did not include costs pertaining to the contract negotiations with five of the bargaining units. This budget does include those adjustments. The Dispatcher's contract and the Correction Officer's contract are not included in this appropriation. In addition, at the end of the year we close all of our purchase orders; so what we have to do is re-open them in 2016 and re-appropriate the money into those purchase orders/funds.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Southworth advised the new 2015 Comprehensive Review Plan books are in and have been distributed to those that wanted them. If anyone would like a book, there are limited extras in the council office. Mr. Southworth advised that council all received information from the Ohio Municipal League regarding newly elected council training programs. If anyone is interested, they can contact him. Mr. Southworth is also looking into in-house training. Mr. Southworth would like council committees to meet and become more active. He suggested once a month having a committee meeting prior to caucus. He asked for volunteers to host their committee meeting for the first meeting in February. Mr. Schonhut stated he could do a Communications and Technology Committee meeting if his co-chairs, Mr. Short and Mr. DeMio, are available as well. Mr. Southworth advised not all have to attend; however, the three members of the committee and any pertinent people from the administration are asked to be there. Mayor Perciak advised John Bedford is on vacation and will not be able to attend.

President Southworth noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose to discuss personnel matters concerning council office. It was so moved by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Schonhut 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 7:44 p.m. The executive session concluded at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

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CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Southworth called the meeting to order at 8:00 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, Michael J. Daymut, Duke Southworth, Kenneth M. Dooner, Gordon C. Short, 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, Communication and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Service Director Joe Walker, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 4, 2016 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Mayor's reappointment of Charlene Barth to a four (4) year term on the City's Planning Commission effective January 22, 2016 and expiring on January 21, 2020.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Mr. President. This evening I'd like to re-appoint Charlene Barth to another four (4) year term on the City's Planning Commission, effective January 22, 2016 and expiring January 21, 2020. I think all of us up here know and all the folks at home know, Charlene's distinguished record of being a Council person here, a Council President here, and here many, many years of service to our community. I consider it a privilege and an honor to ask this Council to confirm my appointment of you to another four (4) year term. Mr. President?

Motion was made by Mr. Southworth and seconded by Mr. DeMio to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Charlene Barth to the City's Planning Commission. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

At this time, Mayor Perciak administered the Oath of Office of Planning Commission to Charlene Barth.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – Okay ladies and gentlemen, if I can have your attention just for a few minutes here today. The Auditor of State, David Yost was in town today to speak at our Chamber luncheon. At the luncheon, he saw fit to bestow one of the highest awards that the State can, or does issue for financial reporting. Our Finance Director, Joe Dubovec, if you'd come up here and our Chairman of the Finance Committee, if you'd come down here please. I'll read the Auditor's letter and then you can present the plaque, Mr. Chairman. This letter comes to the City of Strongsville and it says;

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont'd):

“Congratulations! Based on your recently completed financial audit, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the City of Strongsville has received the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*. Clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government, and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability.

The *Auditor of State Award with Distinction* is given to those entities that file an annual CAFR and timely financial reports in accordance with GAAP, as well as receive a “clean” audit report. The “clean” audit report means that your financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or any questioned costs.

Congratulations again on receiving the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*. My office looks forward to continuing to work with you to ensure clean, accountable and efficient government for all Ohioans.”

Sincerely,
Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Mr. Chairman, would you like to read the plaque that was presented?

Mr. Dooner – “Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction presented to City of Strongsville, Joe Dubovec, Finance Director. This award is presented for excellence in financial reporting for your Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended 2014.” Congratulations Joe, another great job by a Holy Name grad.

(Laughter and Applause)

Mr. Dubovec – Thank you again. It’s an honor and privilege to accept this award on behalf of the administration and the residents of the City of Strongsville. Even though my name is listed on this award, I would like to acknowledge and recognize the members of my staff who made this possible; John Mockler, Marlene Martin, Derek Webb and Tina Ford. Once again, thank you very much for this award.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Any other appointments, confirmations?

Mayor Perciak – None other this evening, Mr. President.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Mayor.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes, I attended the January 7th school board meeting. It's new location at Zellers', which looked really good. At the meeting, Carl Naso will continue with another one (1) year term as President. Richard Micko will follow with another term as Vice President. Jane (Ludwig) will continue to be our liaison to the City Council here; much appreciated, thank you. On January 28th, which is a Thursday, at Muraski at 7:00 p.m. will be a kindergarten meeting for all new kindergarteners and parents entering the district for the first time. We will also, at the next Council meeting, give the dates for the actual registration in the spring for the kindergarten. That ends my report.

Mr. Southworth –Mr. Carbone, is the next Council meeting, the one that the Superintendent is coming to address us?

Mr. Carbone – Yes...

Mayor Perciak – No, the following meeting.

Mr. Carbone – It's the 16th.

Mr. Southworth – Okay, second. Okay.

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President if I may as Mr. Carbone about kindergarten. I have been getting questions and calls, is there tuition this year for kindergarten? Does anybody know?

Mr. Carbone – There is tuition, but it's going to be based on the number of students that enroll for the full time. To get an actual number, so it's probably...

Mayor Perciak – We don't know what it is?

Ms. Ludwig - (Inaudible)

Mr. Carbone – I believe that range was \$2,000.00 to \$2,700.00.

Mayor Perciak – That's for all day kindergarten?

Mr. Carbone – That's for all day kindergarten.

Mayor Perciak – Is there an option anymore for half day kindergarten?

Mr. Carbone – There is still an option, which is not an additional cost.

Mayor Perciak – And that is...no cost? Other than...

Mr. Carbone – No cost. No additional cost.

Mayor Perciak – Other than normal fees.

Mr. Carbone – Normal fees.

Mayor Perciak – Okay.

Mr. Carbone – That is added this year, an extra full day, because of the demand.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – Good. Thank you for the information, they call and I don't know what to say.

Mr. Southworth – Are there any other questions for Mr. Carbone?

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: I have nothing to report. We haven't had a board meeting. The first board meeting is in February so I will not have anything to report until then, unless I get a President's Report from the new President and CEO, who I am looking forward to working with. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Southworth – Was he? That's good to see. One of the things he said during his interview process was how he wanted to indoctrinate himself in the Southwest Community. So that's great that he's there. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer.

(None)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, I have nothing on the agenda tonight; however, I do have a couple items. Approximately three weeks ago, Mr. Carbone and I met with Mr. Biondillo, Mr. Painter, Mr. Kraus and George Smerigan, our City Planner, in regards to temporary signs on Pearl Road. Out of that meeting, we determined that we don't want to do anything that is going to negatively impact our small businesses, but that we also have an enforcement issue. Today, I took the time around 2 o'clock to drive all the way from Boston Road to Sprague Road, just a pretty good count, not counting real estate signs or signs that are potentially close in size, there were fifty-six signs that were very obviously in violation. That's a problem. Eleven of which were for one business itself. I was just wondering if we had any update as far as how we plan on going about enforcing that.

Mayor Perciak – I have no update for you. The only response we got, matter of fact, there was a big article in the Strongsville Post; and the response we received from some of the businessmen and women were basically, "Why are you trying to put us out of business?" That was the response the building department got. That was the response that my office received. I did not sit down with the Building Commissioner at this time to discuss the signs or how many did you say?

Mr. Schonhut – Fifty-six in clear violation.

Mayor Perciak – And did not discuss the 56 signs in clear violation. So, we'll have a meeting and we'll get back to them.

Mr. Schonhut – Okay, I had a couple business owners reach out to me as well. Obviously my name was on that article. One who said, "Thank you. I think the signs don't look all too good out in front of my plaza." He's one that never puts one out there and would like to see it cleaned up. Another one that was, a small business owner, they both have businesses here and both live here in town and she said she would prefer to talk with us and see what we can do to work towards that. She does think that there are aesthetic issues with the signs that are put out there and hopefully we can do something to help clean that up. I didn't get any negative feedback, per say, but definitely a couple good discussions with a couple of business owners here as well.

Mayor Perciak – We look forward to those conversations.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut (cont'd):

Mr. Schonhut – Absolutely. Secondly, about a month in a half ago, Ms. Linda Lunder from Mallard Circle visited us here at Council in regards to noise and vibrations coming from Giant Eagle. Safety Director Goss and Mr. Biondillo, I know we both talked about that at the meeting. I think, Chief Kobak, you weren't present here I don't believe. You guys had both said you were going to send people out to check on that. I was just wondering if that had been completed and if we had updated her at all?

Mr. Biondillo – Councilman Schonhut, I did go out there and measure some sound level readings. This time of year, depending on what vehicle is in there, there is a discernible elevation increase in DB (decibel) level. It is still down below the allowable during the periods of operation. I was not there at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. Those sound levels do tend to increase during the evening hours and in the winter time as the foliage comes off. Problem with that specific property is, you may get some funneling through there. There is an opening in that wall as well as the landscape buffer because of the culvert that is located directly below that. The planting seemed fairly decent with the spacing of the evergreens within that open space. I don't know how much more you can plant within that area, if it would have a significant difference in the decibel levels. I did not feel any vibrations. It is a sound issue.

Mr. Schonhut – If you could just get whatever your findings were over to me so that I can get back to her...

Mr. Biondillo – Okay...

Mr. Schonhut – And communicate that with her, from there.

Mr. Biondillo – I'll do that.

Mr. Schonhut – That's all I have for Building and Utilities, but I'll take any questions.

Mayor Perciak – When did she contact you last, Mr. Schonhut?

Mr. Schonhut – She visited us here about a month in a half ago.

Mayor Perciak – Wasn't there some discussion with her about that wall that we could not close that wall in? Or wasn't there some...what was the problem there Mr. Biondillo?

Mr. Biondillo – Mayor, that's what I was referring to. There's a box culvert located right underneath that opening within that wall, where the masonry wall comes about ten feet away from it in each direction, in the event that anybody has to get in there and re-excavate that culvert or repair it. Plus, you don't want the weight of the wall bearing over the top of that culvert, creating any problems. There are evergreens planted within that space.

Mayor Perciak – Okay.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Schonhut. Are there any other questions to Mr. Schonhut?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, again nothing on the agenda but there is something that I'd like to discuss there. That's our City app. I am not sure how many of you have utilized that or have that on your phones. I do happen to have it on mine. I don't use it all that often and I think that's a problem. I think the functionality of it is not that user friendly and what it offers...it's not up to par with what some other cities do offer. For example, Lakewood, Ohio...a close neighbor of ours; one thing that I'd love to see added to our app or if we have to change developers, they have what's called "Community Engagement" where you can go on there and self-report an issue. Whether it is exterior housing, graffiti, sidewalk/street issues, tall grass... you can click on that, and then you take a picture of what the issue looks like. Obviously, we can streamline what we're going out there to see. You send that over; you describe what the issue is. It picks up on your exact geographically location, based off your phone, and then you send that in with your information, or if you want to remain anonymous. The great thing that they do there is they update their residents. I think that is just another thing we could do to get our citizens involved to get them really engaged in the community and to make sure that we're staying on top of things. Obviously, none of us are full time jobs, and our Building Department can only do so much as well; so to have a lot more eyes and ears out there in the neighborhood, I think is a great thing. Some other cities, they did spend quite a lot of time looking into it, you know, also have features on there where you can see what some of your neighbors have reported. If there is a pothole on your street, you know I was thinking about calling it in, at least you can see that your neighbors have reported that already. You see when it was completed so that we can show that we're out here and working for you and to get things taken care of in a timely manner. When we do meet for our Communications and Technology Committee, that's something that I'd like to discuss further, but I just wanted to get that on your radar as far as something that I'd like to look into because I think the more eyes and ears we have out there in the community is a great thing for us. That's all I have, I'll happily take any questions.

Mr. Dooner – Matt, if somebody wanted to get that app, how would they go about downloading it?

Mr. Schonhut – The app that we have now? Just go into the app store and type in "Strongsville, Ohio"

Mr. Dooner – I know how to do it, I just wanted to make sure other people...

(Laughter)

Mr. Dooner – Don't give me that look.

Mr. Schonhut – Obviously, my age, technology is a lot. It's what we were brought up on and the usability about an app is everything. If it needs to take me seven clicks to get to something, I'm probably not going to do it; whereas if it takes me two clicks to get to something I will probably do it. I just think that what our app offers right now we can do better. We can expand on it. That's something that I look forward to.

Mayor Perciak – I agree with you Matt. We just started with that...what was that last year John?

Mr. Bedford – About a year and a half ago.

Mayor Perciak – About a year and a half ago. Up until then, we were not in a position to even offer that. Between John Bedford and our Economic Development Director, Brent Painter, they have been working on that. Maybe Brent, do you want to update on what we have done, or John do you want to do it?

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut (cont'd):

Mr. Bedford – Well, the app has a lot of capabilities to it. We're always open to new ideas and new ways of doing things. I would just recommend that we get together and we take a look at the app and we'll review it and see what we can come up with.

Mr. Schonhut – Yes, like I said, I think the big of that that would make the app a lot more people wanting to visit and wanting to do it is that self-reporting of an issue because I make five or six clicks on ours right now, and how to report an issue is to "Email Debbie Palmer at this address." That's not very functional and having somebody explain it in an email as opposed to being able to send a picture and exactly where it is at I think is something that our residents would utilize and definitely be a great tool to have. Thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Schonhut, as Mr. Schonhut has alluded to, I think we are going to have a committee meeting for both Building and Utilities and Communication and Technology in the not-so-distant future; so we'll be able to flush out some of these issues further and have a little bit of discussion. I'm looking forward to it. If there are any other questions for Mr. Schonhut?

(None)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center. That's all I have under Economic Development.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Daymut, are there any questions for Mr. Daymut?

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, Ordinance No. 2016-013; this is an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures of the City of Strongsville for the year 2016. The recommendation is suspension and adoption.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Dooner, are there any questions for Mr. Dooner?

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, Planning Zoning and Engineering met this evening and gave favorable recommendation to Ordinance No. 2016-004 which is to enter into a contract with ODOT for the S.R. 82 eastbound and the new I-71 northbound lane addition. I also gave favorable recommendation to Ordinance No. 2016-005. This is a temporary work easement for Albion Road/Prospect Road work improvements. I gave favorable recommendation to Resolution No. 2016-006 which is to advertise for bids for the Pearl Road repair from Shurmer Road all the way down to Valley Parkway; a little beyond to the Ohio Turnpike entrance. Also, I gave favorable recommendation to Ordinance No. 2016-007 which is recording of the plat of Siedel Farms Subdivision No. 4. The companion resolution is Resolution No. 2016-008 which is to accept for dedication streets within Siedel Farms Subdivision No. 4...also a favorable recommendation. That's all I have this evening Mr. Southworth, thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Daymut, are there any questions for Mr. Daymut?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you very much, we have one resolution today; it's Resolution No. 2016-009. It is an EMS billing advertisement. I want to share with everybody that is listening today that under the leadership of Charlene Barth who was our Council President at the time, and for the record my all-time favorite councilperson, I must add to that...hey, I don't care; it's the way it is boys...I love her, I don't care. She taught me so much and she taught me how to respect the resident when they come up to the podium, even if they don't agree with what's going on here. That is a great quality Charlene and I've learned that from you and I hope people recognize that. I still cannot believe that Mike Barth got you, that's another story for another day. It has to be his golf game I would have to guess. Getting back to the billing of EMS. We have done so very much since we have introduced this ordinance years ago to buy EMS trucks, pumpers, help with the zone car purchases; and we've expanded the police station with the leadership of the Mayor...the police department, excuse me. It does so much. I know the Chief said earlier today there's probably five or six that will do the bidding for this project, but it does so much for our community and it also saves the taxpayer money and that's one thing we're proud of. I think our State Auditor said it the best, "We're distinguished." The Mayor always says this, "He's the Mayor, he's the director and we're his Board." This is one of so many things that we are able to do. I don't have much on Public Safety at this time of year. I know the Mayor has something in his wings planned for us, I can sense it. I've been here a long time to see the personalities in the back; so I'm looking forward to something that is coming forward soon. I know he has something in his deck of cards. Again, Charlene, thank you for all you have done for me personally as well. I'd like to close the committee unless there's any questions.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. DeMio, are there any questions?

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: Thank you Duke, two ordinance and one resolution this evening, starting with Ordinance No. 2016-010. This is approving and authorizing the filing of an application for a grant to the Cuyahoga County Waste District. This grant helps sponsor recycling programs for our residents. Ours typically is in the amount of \$5,000.00 which is to continue to publishing of: "Keeping Strongsville Green" newsletter which educates our residents on the importance of recycling. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. The second ordinance is Ordinance No. 2016-011. This is authorizing our Mayor to enter into a contract for uniform rentals related to services through 2017. That's through Cintas Group. It's actually February 1st of 2016 to December 31st of 2017, not to exceed \$23,995.40. Lastly this evening, Resolution No. 2016-012. This is granting permission to transfer certain burial rights in our municipal cemetery and waiving the transfer fees. The recommendation here also is to suspend and adopt. One thing, I just want to make sure that the residents are aware of. We've been blessed with not a lot of snow this year. Be mindful when we do get it because we're still going to get it. Our plow drivers are out there and they are working hard, long hours. Big trucks, big plows, narrow streets- just be mindful of that. In our city we do our main roads first and then we go to the secondary roads in the developments; so if you look out and it hasn't been done, chances are if it's not done at night while you're sleeping, our guys are going to be out there plowing through there trying to get it ready for you to leave for work in the morning. Just be mindful of that please.

Mayor Perciak – One last thing Mr. Carbone so everybody understands in weather situations like that. Currently, we are working around the clock now. Our service department has been on around the clock 24/7 since December 1st. That will continue until through March 31st. There always somebody there, there's always a crew out working, there's always men available so that like on Sunday when we had the ice come, our guys were out there and that's scheduled work time for them under our agreement.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – Well, hopefully we don't get the snow and hopefully with salt costs and overtime, we could allocate some of that money for roadways that we know we have a tight budget for this year.

Mr. Southworth – I second that. Are there any questions for Mr. Carbone?

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. Southworth?

Mr. Southworth – Yes?

Mr. Schonhut – Just a couple of things for Mr. Walker while we are on the topic of plowing. I had a long family friend and a resident in my ward call me, Patti Mulally; that really had a great story about one of your guys. She was out to eat at one of the restaurants up at the mall over on S.R. 82. Somebody's car broke down, the lights were off on it and everything. It was about six o'clock and it was snowing out. No more than thirty seconds later, one of your guys pulls up behind, gets out of his truck and makes sure they are ok. He stayed there behind them with his strobes going until one of our officers was able to arrive and assist them from there. I think that just tells a lot about those guys back there and how great they are that they are able to go that extra step just to make sure that the people that are out on the roads in those bad conditions are safe. Secondly, the topic of the Misty Lake pond, south. We know we all worked through some struggles back there with some contractors and the homeowner association and the abutting residents. We talked a couple months ago about their desire to have the access road, where unfortunately we do not have an easement, but we had to put an access road in, that they want that restored. I just want to know if there was any update on that?

Mr. Walker – No, as you and I talked the last time, we're going to wait until the weather breaks and then we'll see what we can do out there to assist them. I'd like to meet with the association back out there myself and determine what areas they're concerned about so we can limit that project because what they are requesting is a substantial amount of work.

Mr. Schonhut – Sure, I know like I said it's a fine line because I'm not sure who was potentially cited there. I know we didn't want to initially go in there and have to do that, but we did to protect some of the residents over there. Hopefully, we can come to a resolution as far as getting that restored for them out there come...

Mayor Perciak – The issue there is the homeowner's association and they have to step up to the plate. The homeowner's association should be flipping the bill on this, not the City of Strongsville.

Mr. Schonhut – Did we cite the homeowner's association?

Mr. Walker – I believe they were cited, but the work...they never completed the work so as you alluded to, we had to step in in order to protect some adjoining property owners and do what the association was charged with doing in the first place.

Mr. Schonhut – Everything that I had understood from that was that the contractor was cited and not the association.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – We'll work through it. We've got to work through that Matt because we have to be very careful that we don't start taking...there's I don't know how many associations in town, so that we don't start taking on their responsibilities because what you do for one you should be doing for all.

Mr. Schonhut – I agree. It's just a tough spot where obviously we went in there and on depending on who was cited I think we didn't have an easement there and we did do work and we didn't restore it; so dependent on what that was there obviously we have to do what we have to do as well. That's all I have.

Mr. Southworth – Are there any other questions for Mr. Carbone?

(None)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Short:

Mr. Southworth – For his first committee report...the cameras are rolling.

Mr. Short – Thank you Mr. Southworth. I'll try to keep a straight face here, no pressure. We have no items or resolutions or ordinances on the agenda tonight. I'll give you a couple of announcements though that I would like to make. One is the recreation center had a successful open house back on January 9th. We do have a very fine facility that we should be proud of. I look forward to working to maintain that and making it even better in the future. I had a meeting today with a client from Broadview Heights who was raving about our recreation center and how great it is and how lucky we are in Strongsville to have such a gem in our city. A couple of quick announcements; there are programs and sign-up is available for baseball, softball and t-ball leagues for the spring and summer. Those began January 2nd and are through March 10th. The basketball league sign-ups also begin on January 28th through February 17th. The volleyball league for girls who are ages 6-8 started on January 2nd through February 16th. While this is still a few weeks away I think it's key to mention that there is the big kids garage sale. I'm going to encourage my wife to go there with items to sell. If anybody is interested in being a seller contact the recreation center to reserve a table and some space, or if you would like to be a shopper it is from 9:00am to noon on Saturday, February 6th. 9:00am to 10:00am is an early-bird shopping for a \$3 fee. Shopping from 10:00am to noon for no admission fee there. That concludes my report, I'll take any questions from council or the floor.

Mr. Southworth – Nobody's got tough ones for him? Okay, you get off on the hazing.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Southworth: There's nothing to report. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to field them.

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. Southworth?

Mr. Southworth – Please

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Southworth (cont'd):

Mr. Schonhut – I know we've talked in caucus about expanding committees. One thing that was brought to us back in August or September of last year was the NOACA Town Center District Redevelopment plan. I know we really haven't had much conversation on that since we received it, but that is something that I would like us all to get together and see where our priorities are on that as far as moving forward and potentially implementing that into whatever master plan we potentially may move forward with in the future as well.

Mr. Southworth – You're absolutely right and one of the things I want Planning, Zoning and Engineering is to have their own committee meeting and there is going to be a long list of things that we will discuss and I look forward to that one being on there as go forward with these committee reports.

Mr. Schonhut – The only thing with this plan because it does mention safety in here. There's a little bit more than just...

Mr. Southworth – It could go under Planning.

Mr. Schonhut – It could go under a few different committees so that's why I was thinking it may be best under Committee of the Whole to have everybody involved in this one, especially since it is so important as well. It is just a little bit more than Planning, Zoning and Engineering in there, so I do think it should be a Committee of the Whole meeting given your approval.

Mr. Schonhut – Absolutely, it will get done.

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President, Mr. Schonhut, as you well know, we received a lot of assistance from the county on that plan. As most of you know, and the Economic Development Director can chime in at any time you want, there were public hearings on this. There's was input from all walks of life; maybe Brent you want to advise the councilman as to what really did happen with that plan and what their recommendations were?

Mr. Painter – Absolutely, and the one thing I would add as well is we having been discussing that on the Economic Development Committee. We planned that through that committee through NOACA. As the Mayor mentioned, we did have public hearings on it. I think most of the councilmembers were at that public hearing as well. We have done updates and reports to the Economic Development Committee since that's been completed.

Mr. Southworth - If there are any other questions?

(None)

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

Mayor Perciak: None this evening Mr. President.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mayor.

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

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

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Dubovec.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus: I have a brief report also. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Kraus

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Southworth – We've reached the portion of our agenda for audience participation. Comments from members shall be limited to five minutes. We do have a sign-in sheet, but no one has signed in. If you would like to speak, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2016-004 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COOPERATION BY THE CITY WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("ODOT"), APPROVING THE MAYOR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT AUTHORIZING ODOT TO PROCEED WITH THE CHANGING OF EXISTING LANE ASSIGNMENTS FOR STATE ROUTE 82 EASTBOUND TO IR-71 NORTHBOUND RAMP, IN CONNECTION WITH THE I-71/SR-82 ROYALTON ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE (PID NO. 99435), 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. 2016-004 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-005 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A FEE SIMPLE INTEREST AND TEMPORARY WORK EASEMENTS FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10890 PROSPECT ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALBION AND PROSPECT ROADS INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. [Kemper House]

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. 2016-005 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-006 by Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PEARL ROAD REPAIR AND RESURFACE PROJECT (CUY-42-01.98), SUBJECT TO RECEIVING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND PROCEED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

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. 2016-006 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-007 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY THE PLAT OF SIEDEL FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 4 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. 2016-007 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2016-008 by Mayor Perciak. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO ACCEPT FOR DEDICATION CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN SIEDEL FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 4 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. Resolution No. 2016-008 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-009 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) BILLING SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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. 2016-009 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-010 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT UNDER THE 2016 COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT PROGRAM, 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. 2016-010 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-011 by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RENTAL AND RELATED SERVICES THROUGH 2017 FOR USE BY THE CITY'S SERVICE 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. 2016-011 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-012 by Mayor Perciak. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY AND WAIVING THE TRANSFER FEE [*Norris/Grace Church of Middleburg Heights, Ohio*].

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. 2016-012 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-013 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2016 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-253.

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. 2016-013 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Southworth – Is there any miscellaneous business?

Mr. DeMio – A consent agenda would have been nice.

Mr. Southworth – We need to work on the guy in the audience there on that.

Mr. DeMio – Fresh start on that.

Mr. Southworth – The lobbying has already begun Neal.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

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