

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2018.**

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, February 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Present: Council Members:** Matthew A. Schonhut, Annmarie P. Roff, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Kelly A. Kosek, Gordon C. Short and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Council President DeMio 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: Chairman Schonhut advised Ordinance No. 2018-016 is to dedicate certain lands within the Arbor Creek subdivision. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt that legislation. Mr. Schonhut also advised that that any councilmember can reach out to him if they see anything on the planning commission agenda they would like to discuss.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2018-017; an ordinance approving and authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance with the Ohio Department of Public Safety under the Ohio EMS grant program for the training of personnel and/or the purchase of emergency medical equipment.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2018-018 pertains to the purchase of specialty repair parts, supplies and repair services for the city's international truck fleet for use by the service department. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt that legislation. Mr. Jamison advised there is only one vendor in the State that provides this kind of service. This is without public bidding so all seven votes of council are needed for this to pass. Resolution No. 2018-019 is to advertise for bids for the purchase of ready mix concrete materials for use by the service department. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt this legislation. Ms. Roff also advised she will be making motions on the floor pertaining to interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Ms. Kosek advised that she will be abstaining from any discussion or vote pertaining to Ordinance No. 2018-020, as well as any legislation pertaining to the locker room renovation. She will be submitting a letter for the record, relating to this, on the floor of the meeting. Chairman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2018-020 is to enter into a modification to the professional architectural and engineering design and consulting services agreement with TC Architects, Inc. in connection with the renovation of the locker rooms at the recreation and senior center. This is to provide services beyond the scope of what the original contract provided pertaining to time constraints for completion. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt this legislation. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2018-021; an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Strongsville Lacrosse Association for use of the city's football fields on Lunn Road, for the 2018 year. Ms. Roff recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2018-022. This is to accept a donation of \$2,000.00 to be used for the woodshop located at the senior center.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised there will be an upcoming committee on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the senior center.

Committee of the Whole: Resolution No. 2018-015 is approving the application of Handle Hills Farm, LLC to place land in an agricultural district. This will have a public hearing this evening. The recommendation will be to suspend and adopt this legislation. Mr. DeMio asked what the violation issues were pertaining to the liquor permit for Kilbane's Beverage. Mr. Biondillo advised some emergency lights and exit signs were out, as well as some other small items.

Mr. DeMio asked if there is an update to the old Clark gas station (Now known as I Fuel). Mr. Biondillo advised the owner is approaching the planning commission deadline and they will be consulting with him when the time comes.

***Motion made by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Carbone to approve the January 29, 2018 Committee of the Whole minutes. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

Mayor Perciak advised contract negotiations will be taking place with the collective bargaining units sometime this year. He also advised his State of the City speech will be March 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Kosek asked how the forum will go for the upcoming meeting with county officials to discuss the master plan. Mr. Painter advised the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission will give a quick overview with a PowerPoint presentation; then there will be stations set up around the event center where residents can go to view specific topics related to the master plan.

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President DeMio 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, Annmarie P. Roff, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Kelly A. Kosek, Gordon C. Short and James E. Carbone. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

***A moment of silence was observed for the following:***

- ***The passing of Michael Joy, a resident of Strongsville.***
- ***The passing of the two police officers from Westerville, Ohio, who were killed in the line of duty.***
- ***The students who lost their lives in the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High school in Parkland, Florida.***

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 5, 2018 were approved as submitted.

**APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:**

**Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Firefighter/Paramedic  
Jeremy J. Watt.**

Mr. DeMio – Mayor, you are back, healthy God Bless, and ready to do...

Mayor Perciak – To do my duty, I have been for the last week or so Mr. President. I'll tell you, it's good to be back. I came back with all kinds of great ideas when I was trying to enjoy the sun and the sand and everything else. I was already working on my State of the City speech. Before I left, I took a draft with me and I was back and forth with some of our guys. We mixed a little business in with it but it was a great time and thank you for the welcome back. Tonight, we have a very special occasion. It's always a happy time in our community when we can administer the ceremonial Oath of Office to a newly appointed firefighter/paramedic. Tonight, that newly appointed firefighter/paramedic is Jeremy J. Watt. Jeremy, I'm going to come down. We'll administer the Oath and whoever wants to take pictures or whoever wants to come up when we're administering the Oath please feel free.

Chief Draves – Come on up Jeremy. Jeremy Watt was born and raised in Parma and moved to Wadsworth in 2004 where he graduated from Wadsworth High School in 2008. He is already certified as both a firefighter and paramedic, and is also a Basic Life Support Instructor. Jeremy comes to the Strongsville Fire and Emergency Services with 9 years of experience with the Wadsworth Fire Department, 2 years with the Copley Fire Department and also worked as a paramedic for Summa Health System. Jeremy has two children which are here with him tonight, his 3 year old son Gabriel and 2 year old daughter Elayna. He is also joined by his girlfriend Haley, father Ken, mother Sandra and many other family members, friends and fellow firefighters.

***At this time, Mayor Perciak administered the ceremonial Oath of Office.***

(Applause)

Mr. DeMio – You are all so welcome to stay to our exciting council meeting if you wish, but before you all leave, I do want to say one thing. We talk about it in caucus often, and this goes to the police as well as EMS and fire, we can't thank you enough for what you do. It comes from the bottom of all our hearts. I, for one, have had EMS at my house several times in the day when my parents were with me; also, when my wife had an incident with our first born. From personal experience, and so many other things that you have done, you make us all comfortable and thankful that you are hear. God Bless you all.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Resolution No. 2018-015** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF HANDLE HILLS FARM, LLC TO PLACE LAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT. First reading 02-05-18. Public hearing 02-20-18. *First reading 02-05-18. Public Hearing 02-20-18.*

*Council President DeMio opened the Public Hearing on this matter and invited anyone wishing to speak **IN FAVOR** of the Resolution to approach the podium and address Council at this time.*

(No Comments)

*Mr. DeMio then invited anyone wishing to speak **IN OPPOSITION** of the Resolution to approach the podium and address Council.*

(No Comments)

*Hearing no further comments in regard to this matter, Council President DeMio closed the Public Hearing on said Resolution.*

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:** Yes, at the last school board meeting the board approved to participate in Ohio Schools Council to bid and purchase school buses. Also, an 11 year resident, Bob Wolford, donated a dune buggy to the district. It's pretty exciting for a real hands-on STEM program, which stands for "Science, Technology, Engineering and Math." Also, they talked about a policy change for field trips. Basically, if the board approves the field trips, at any point if they thought the kids were in danger or the chaperones or the teachers, they would also be able to discontinue that field trip. Also, the board's facility development committee talked and gave a presentation about the security of the buildings-the entrance security at some of the schools. That concludes my report.

Mr. DeMio – Anything for Mr. Carbone?

(No Comments)

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. DeMio, there was no meeting since I've been appointed Chair so I will hopefully...if we have a meeting next time I will give a report, thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Didn't you go to some hockey tournament this week?

Mr. Short – There were a lot of hockey games, but nothing to do with Southwest General.

Mr. DeMio – Nothing to do with Southwest...and I want to say at this time, I know Aimee's going to kill me, but her son did very well in hockey this week right? So there you go.

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Daymut:** Thank you Mr. DeMio, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. That's all I have.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Kosek:** We also have no report today, but I would be happy to take any questions anyone might have.

(No Comments)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut:** Thank you Mr. DeMio, Economic Development has no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I would encourage anyone who has not filled out the survey yet that had received a copy in the mail; please, you can do it online with the indicated website on the survey that you received at home, or you can mail it in. We are winding that down, so hopefully in the next few weeks, perhaps by the Mayor's State of the City, we can give those results out. Again, a special thanks to Ohio State University. We've partnered with them for I can't even remember how many years. They have been most helpful in this. I think we are the shining light for Ohio State. I know Mr. Painter is invited to many of their events just because our residents in the City of Strongsville take this so seriously and make sure that their voices are heard. Other than that, our next meeting will be next Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center. That's all I have Mr. DeMio.

Mayor Perciak – If I may Mr. President and Mr. Daymut. I think we owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Pinkerton for all his leadership all these years. I don't know if you want to speak of Dr. Pinkerton, or you want to Brent, as to his skill set and why he was so influential in this process.

Mr. Painter – Thank you mayor, I'd be honored to. Dr. Pinkerton is a long-time professor, Dean, you name it, he's done it. He's a man of many talents and has contributed so much throughout the years. I know for myself, I've learned a ton from him. He's been the chairman of our, along with Mike, of the subcommittees for the surveys, whether it's residential, industrial or the retail survey that was completed. He's just been a wonderful staple within our Economic Development committee, but specifically within the survey process that's done. I know Ohio State highly appreciates his input and the expertise he provides; his background in academia as well. He's just been a wonderful asset to the city.

Mayor Perciak – His skill set is going to be missed. He has asked to step down from the Economic Development Committee after decades of service. Truly, he is a brilliant man and if you see Dr. Pinkerton, please extend your thanks to him. His wit and humor are beyond whatever we can put into words. Truly, he was the one in so many ways that brought us to Ohio State and to all the different leaders in academia; because without their stamp of approval on this...without the great seal of the Ohio State University, this would just be another one of those surveys or another poll as I would call it. Because of the people involved in this, it really brings a lot of credence to who we are in this community and how it's conducted and to the authenticity of this. We use this residential survey as a basis moving forward...as a basis moving forward for our grants. It plays a very intricate part in what we do here in the city on a day-to-day basis. To Mike, to your committee, Brent, and to Dr. Pinkerton and everybody who serves on that committee, thank you so very much because we really appreciate your hard work and efforts.

Mr. Daymut – The one thing I might add, and I obviously want to reiterate everything that has been said about him, a special place in my heart...Air Force Colonel. He still keeps up with that. He's an author. He taught at Fresno State for many, many years. Also, a Parma High School football player. He's a local boy and decided to relocate to Strongsville and we've had a great association as had been said by everybody here. I cannot say enough for him. He will continue to mentor us so that is a real positive for the committee, thank you Joe.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much and Brent, thank you so much for your help as well.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**FINANCE – Mr. Carbone:** Finance Committee has nothing on the agenda this evening but I would be happy to answer any questions if there is any.

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you Mr. DeMio, first and foremost, this Thursday evening at the rec center, Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m., we're going to be having our first meeting for our master plan to receive input from the public. I would greatly encourage everybody to go there, whether you're a homeowner, a business owner, a developer, whatever it may be. I think that the input that we garner there is going to point the direction of the city for years to come. I think it's very important to get input from as many people as possible, even if you don't have any hot button issues that you feel are close and near and dear to your heart. I'm sure as you walk around that room, you will find something that you will feel that you can comment in to point the city in a good direction for years to come. With that, on the agenda tonight we have Ordinance No. 2018-016. This is accepting certain lands within the Estates of Arbor Creek for dedication to public use. I'm asking that we suspend and adopt that tonight. That is all that I have Mr. DeMio unless anybody else has any questions. If not, I respectfully close the committee.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. DeMio, we have one ordinance tonight, Ordinance No. 2018-017. This is to authorize for the filing of a grant to help with our EMS program for the training of personnel and/or the purchase of medical equipment for EMS. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. That's all I have. I'll happily take any questions. If not, we can close the committee.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you, any questions for Mr. Short?

(No comment)

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff:**

***Motion made by Ms. Roff, second by Mr. Schonhut, to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section C, Lot # 57, Grave E. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

***Motion by Ms. Roff, second by Mr. Schonhut, to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section C, Lot # 88, Grave C. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

Ms. Roff – Ordinance No. 2018-018, this is an ordinance approving and ratifying the purchase of special repair parts and supplies for 2017 and also authorizing the mayor to make payment for those...and also for further and additional purchases in 2018 for specialty parts and supplies and repair services to the city's international truck fleet. This will need all 7 yea votes because it is without public bidding and it is declared an emergency.

Mayor Perciak – (Unintelligible)

Mr. Jamison – Just to clarify for the audience, that the reason it requires all 7 votes is because it is in excess of \$50,000.00. Under our Charter and State Law you need a unanimous vote to approve that expenditure. It is one supplier in the State and this is something that we have done before over the course of time, thank you mayor.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff (cont'd):**

Mr. DeMio – Mayor, we missed you.

Ms. Roff – If you have any questions, call Mayor Perciak...I'm just kidding. Resolution No. 2018-019, this is a resolution authorizing the mayor to seek bidding for ready mix concrete materials for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. That is suspend and adopt. That is it.

Mr. DeMio – We'll close that committee and look forward to those votes when we do the regular roll call.

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff:** I have two ordinances for this committee.

Ms. Kosek – Ann, if I may interrupt you for just a moment, I need to make everyone aware that I'm going to be abstaining from the vote on Ordinance No. 2018-020. I have done this out of an abundance of caution and to protect against the appearance of any impropriety. I want to read into the record a letter that I had sent on February 5<sup>th</sup> to Mr. DeMio.

***At this time, Ms. Kosek read the letter, a copy of which is attached to the back of these minutes.***

Ms. Roff – This is Ordinance No. 2018-020 and this is an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a modification of professional architectural and engineering design and consulting services agreement between the city and TC Architects, Inc. for the 4 locker rooms at the rec center. It is declared an emergency. We will be asked to suspend and adopt for this. The second ordinance is Ordinance No. 2018-021. This is authorizing the mayor to enter into an exclusive rental agreement with Strongsville Lacrosse to use the football fields over on Lunn Road. That will be declared an emergency and suspend and adopt. The last is a resolution, Resolution No. 2018-022. This is for all council members and it's just to accept a donation of \$2,000.00 to the City of Strongsville for the rec center to be used for the wood shop over at the senior building. That will be suspend and adopt. That is all that I have.

Mr. DeMio – Very good, does anyone have any questions?

(No Comments)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. DeMio:** The law director and I talked briefly this afternoon. There were no unique/interesting ordinances or resolutions here, so we were good. There's nothing else that need to put on the record for that so we're going to close our participation part.

Mr. Carbone – Joe, can I make a real quick comment?

Mr. DeMio – Sure.

Mr. Carbone – Mr. Bogre, I want to thank you. My daughter and I had an opportunity at the "Daddy/Daughter Dance." It was unbelievable. The energy from the employees there...I mean and all the dads. We probably had 6 other dads I went with and they brought their daughters. It was pretty amazing, and everybody was so impressed with the energy in the room and just the fact that the city would take the initiative and do something like that. A big thank you, and please-the girls that were working that night, also a thank you from myself.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

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

Mr. Bogre – Thank you, and we also have a “Mother/Son Dance” that comes up around Mother’s Day in May. That’s always very well attended also.

Mr. Carbone – I won’t be going to that one.

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – Jim, but the bigger question is did your daughter dance with you?

Mr. Carbone – Well, you know what my son said at the swearing-in? I was with her the whole night; and then finally she goes, “Dad, we go politic for a little bit?”

(Laughter)

Mr. Carbone – And they were running around all crazy and she had a blast.

Mr. DeMio – Your bride has taught her well, that’s for sure.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:**

(No report)

**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 and that concludes my report, thank you.

Mr. DeMio – And you do get the “Tie of the Day Award.”

Mr. Dubovec – I appreciate that, thank you.

Mr. DeMio – You’re very welcome.

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That concludes my report.



**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. DeMio – Okay, now comes the time for audience participation. I will go from the sheet; although, if there is anyone that wants to speak as well please come up to the podium. You have five minutes. Mr. Ram Singh, come on up please.

Ram Singh, 16181 Falmouth Drive, Strongsville, OH: This is not the proper forum for what I have to say.

Mr. DeMio – Can you do me a favor, just speak into the microphone and spell your first name.

Mr. Singh – I had an accident.

Mr. DeMio – Before you start, we need you to, just for the record, to spell your first and last name and give the address of where you live.

Mr. Singh – First name is Ram, R-A-M, Last name Singh, S-I-N-G-H.

Mr. DeMio – And your address.

Mr. Singh – 16181 Falmouth Drive, Strongsville, OH.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much, go right ahead.

Mr. Singh – The accident occurred at the entrance of Misty Lake. Misty Lake goes into Park Lane; and a car coming from the Drake Road, from the east to west, hit me; and I almost crossed the intersection. Actually, I don't think it was entirely my fault. I stopped, and I saw on each side...proceeded. The reason for the accident was the other car was coming too fast and he hit me well. The patrolman's sketches here, perhaps slightly (unintelligible). I was hit and I was thrown 30 feet into the Park Lane, north of the scene. If I was in the middle of the street, I would have gone straight out; so I was turned into the Park Lane, and the force of the impact, I went like this and swung around. The policeman said, "Then you drove on." I did drive on because there was no power in my car. The force of the impact caused me to...if I was in the middle of the intersection I would have gone straight...west. So I went so far north; so that proves that I was hit on the other side of the street. Anyway, I went to Mayor's Court. The magistrate did not permit me to present my case. I had taken some photographs belatedly, 2 or 3, because I was in bed. Then when I got the rented car, I went and took some pictures; and I stated to the magistrate that I have something to say. He said, "Well, we don't have time here for this and we are not fighting lawsuits here," and this and that. Actually, 7 years ago, I was before the Mayor's Court for a similar incident happening at the junction of Whitney Road and Big Creek Parkway. The other person had the right-of-way and I was (unintelligible), the other person came and hit me. I took pictures because my car was not disabled. I took pictures and came before the magistrate of the Mayor's Court. He said that you pay the court cost and no points to be taken out because he tended to agree with me. This time, I was not given the opportunity. What I have to say here is that nature of the intersection-there are a lot of accidents on Drake Road and Misty Lake. Why does it happen? A patrolman said there are a lot of accidents. The reason for that is because I live there; I've lived there for 20 years...the reason is the people on Drake Road are driving too fast. It is not the fault of the other side all the time. When the police come, they always have a tendency to blame, not the person who has the right-of-way but blame the other party who does not have the right-of-the-way. I think this is what I have to say. I think they should put a stop sign there because there is no stop sign between Howe Road and Pearl Road. East on the Drake Road from Howe Road to Bennett there is one blinking and there is one red light on West. 130<sup>th</sup>, blinking light on Hunt Road-so there is enough lights so people are not able to drive that fast. This is all I have to say.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Mr. Jamison – Mr. Chairman, if I could respond. Essentially, when any city has to put up stop signs, they can't use that to regulate speed. There is State law and there have been lawsuits about that; that you can't use stop signs to regulate speed. That being said, I'm sure our safety department can review this intersection and make that determination going forward and we'll address that. Just for your own notification, the stop signs aren't there necessarily to control speed.

Mr. Singh – What are they for?

Mr. Jamison – They are there to provide for safety so that there's no accidents or collisions. This intersection, we will take a look and make an evaluation. That's what the law provides that we have to do; to look at each intersection in the city.

Mr. Singh – If you allow me to say something. I live on Falmouth. The mayor lives on Falmouth and in front of my house from Howe Road the traffic moves very fast at times. Now, they'll put a stop sign in their spot and the traffic has slowed down; so the proof is in the pudding.

Mayor Perciak – Sir, what we're going to do, the police chief is here. We're going to make certain that our police officers, our traffic unit, is out there; and they'll slow traffic down. Trust me, our men have a way of making people understand to drive within the speed limits. Chief Fender will do whatever he has to do. Our traffic unit will also do what they have to do; so don't think this is falling on deaf ears. We're going to slow traffic down there.

Mr. Singh – Thank you sir. Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Perciak – You're welcome.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much for coming and taking your time out; I appreciate it. Is there anyone else who would like to come up to speak at all?

(No Comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2018-015** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF HANDLE HILLS FARM, LLC TO PLACE LAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT. *First reading 02-05-18. Public hearing 02-20-18.*

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.**

**Resolution No. 2018-015 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2018-016** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN ESTATES AT ARBOR CREEK SUBDIVISION FOR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE; ACCEPTING CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSTRUCTED THEREIN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTS REQUIRED IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-016 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2018-017** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Short. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UNDER THE OHIO EMS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND/OR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-017 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2018-018** by Mayor Perciak and Ms. Roff. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF SPECIALTY REPAIR PARTS AND SUPPLIES IN 2017; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SUCH SPECIALTY REPAIR PARTS AND SUPPLIES; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES OF SUCH SPECIALTY PARTS, SUPPLIES AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S INTERNATIONAL TRUCK FLEET, AS NEEDED BY THE CITY'S SERVICE DEPARTMENT DURING 2018; ALL WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-018 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Resolution No. 2018-019** by Mayor Perciak and Ms. Roff. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF READY MIX CONCRETE MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2018-019 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2018-020** by Mayor Perciak and Ms. Roff. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND TC ARCHITECTS, INCORPORATED, IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENOVATION OF FOUR LOCKER ROOMS AT THE CITY'S EHRNFELT RECREATION CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. Schonhut.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Carbone, Schonhut, Roff, Daymut, DeMio, Short  
Abstained: Kosek Motion carries.**

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.**

**Roll Call: Ayes: Schonhut, Roff, Daymut, DeMio, Short, Carbone  
Abstained: Kosek  
Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-020 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2018-021** by Mayor Perciak and Ms. Roff. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NON-EXCLUSIVE RENTAL/OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH THE STRONGSVILLE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR 2018, FOR THE CITY'S FOOTBALL FIELDS LOCATED ON LUNN ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-021 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Resolution No. 2018-022** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$2,000.00 TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO BE USED FOR THE WOODSHOP LOCATED AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2018-022 ADOPTED.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

*Application for Permit: TRFL-C1-C2-D6: To: HC Shah LLC.; DBA: HS Shah LLC, 14692 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 2/26/2018).*


***\*\* Motion by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. Schonhut for a conditional objection to the application for permit based upon the applicant's lack of compliance with the City's Building, Health and/or Safety Codes; provided that when and if compliance is confirmed by the Building Department, the Clerk will withdraw the objection in Columbus. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. \*\****

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

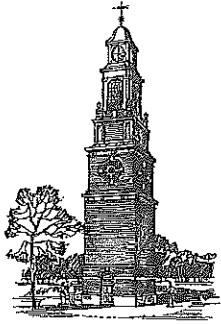
(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President DeMio adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

  
Aimee Pientka, MMC  
Clerk of Council

  
Date



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February 5, 2018

City Council

Mr. Joseph C. DeMio  
President of Council  
City of Strongsville  
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***Re: Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center –  
Locker Room Renovations***

Dear Mr. DeMio:

I write to inform you that I will be abstaining and recusing myself from any matter relating to Alabasi Construction, Inc. ("Alabasi") and the locker room renovations at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center. This abstention and recusal shall include, but is not limited to, any discussion, briefing and/or vote, related to the matter in question.

The law firm of Hahn Loeser and Parks, LLP, of which I am a member and partner, is currently representing Alabasi in regards to this project. When I learned of that representation, I immediately instructed my law firm to construct an ethical wall. That ethical wall prevents me from seeing any communication that might take place at my law firm concerning this matter. In addition, I am also unable to access any files relating to Alabasi and this matter.

I have never personally been involved in representing Alabasi and, by virtue of the ethical wall that has been established at my law firm, I will not gain any knowledge of my firm's representation of Alabasi in this matter. I take my ethical obligations as both a councilwoman and attorney very seriously, and I will do everything I can to ensure that all the appropriate steps are taken to protect against any perceived conflict or impropriety.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Kosek  
City of Strongsville  
Councilwoman, Ward 3