

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY MARCH 19, 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 **Monday, March 19, 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, Service Director Joe Walker, 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. 2018-005 is to amend Section 1270.05 of Chapter 1270 of Part Twelve of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances concerning parking requirements. This was referred to the Planning Commission and received a favorable recommendation. There will be a public hearing on this ordinance tonight. The recommendation is to adopt this legislation, pending no major objections during the public hearing.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2018-035. This is an ordinance to amend Section 250.01(b) of the Codified Ordinances in order to establish the maximum number of uniformed officers in the police department. This will increase the number of patrol officers from 53 to 55. Present for this legislation was School Board President, Carl Naso, Vice President Duke Evans and board member Jane Ludwig. Chief Fender stated in 2017 he reviewed the safety needs of the city. Two specific areas were considered: the consolidation of our middle school and putting an SRO (school resource officer) in there, and a way to combat the opioid epidemic. With the amount of drugs that move through the city, a lot of additional follow-up can be done with the addition of an anonymous tip hotline. More due diligence needs to happen to investigate each of these cases; therefore, one of the added officers will be spending 50% of his time doing active drug investigation follow-up and then case load to reduce the amount of cases that are currently being shared in the bureau. The other patrol officer would serve as a school resource officer in the middle school. Mr. Short advised an SRO was placed at the middle school today. Chief Fender advised he looks at the schools as one of our most vulnerable areas of our city. After the event that took place in Florida, he believes having a SRO at the middle school is the right thing to do. Mr. Short asked Chief Fender to confirm that the school superintendent did request an SRO sometime earlier this year. Chief Fender advised that yes he did make that request. Mr. Schonhut stated he believes everyone is in agreement of wanting to keep the city safe. Mr. Schonhut had a concern on how the matter was handled; that school board members advised council this was happening before they were made aware of it by the administration. He expressed frustration with the lack of communication, stating this has happened before in other situations. He asked that communication be improved between council and the administration moving forward. Mr. Naso advised he appreciated the Mayor and Chief Fender reaching out to the schools for getting an SRO at the middle school. He apologized for any miscommunication. He appreciates the open dialogue with Chief Fender, and looks forward to a more open dialogue with council. Mr. Naso then reviewed some extra security measures the school board will be implementing in the schools during the summer. Ms. Roff asked if there has been conversations on how much will this cost the city once the grant runs out; and once the grant runs out, will the cost be shared between the city and the schools?

Mr. Naso advised there was some discussion and when the time comes, they can negotiate. Mr. DeMio advised there will be a future, joint meeting with council and school board members sometime in April. Mr. Evans advised the school board is also looking at hiring retired officers to work in the elementary schools.

Councilman Schonhut asked a question regarding the parking lot by the police station. There was money budgeted and since we are not doing that project, was the money mostly TIF dollars or general fund money. The money was mostly TIF dollars.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2018-036 is to amend sections 1023.07 and 1228.01(h) of the Codified Ordinances concerning tree fees. This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission for their recommendation. Mr. DeMio asked if people want new trees on their tree lawn, will the city still be providing that service. Mayor Perciak advised yes. Mr. DeMio asked if that would affect the price. Mayor Perciak advised once this legislation passes it would affect the cost.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. DeMio advised Ordinance No. 2018-033 is to enter into a special counsel agreement with Climaco, Wilcox, Peca & Garofoli Co., L.P.A. and Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC for professional legal services related to opioid litigation. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt this legislation. Mayor Perciak advised he met with Senator Sherrod Brown this morning. They had discussions about the opioid epidemic and if any federal funds will be coming to the city in the near future. As of now, no federal funds will be coming. Discussion also occurred about the gun situations in schools and school resource officers. Senator Brown advised there will be no federal money coming in for this. Mayor Perciak asked Senator Brown about the infrastructure bill that is pending and the funding involved. Senator Brown advised there is a wide rift of opinion between the parties concerning the funding.

Councilman DeMio made a motion to go into executive session for a conference with an attorney(s) for the City of Strongsville concerning disputes involving the City of Strongsville that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. It was 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 7:54 p.m. Present were members of Council, except for Ms. Kosek who was excused from the discussion. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, Recreation and Senior Director Bryan Bogre and Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo. The executive session concluded at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

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MARCH 19, 2018 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President DeMio called the meeting to order at 8:06 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, Service Director Joe Walker, 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.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

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

At this time, a moment of silence was observed for Mr. Tony Peskar, a resident of Strongsville.

At this time, everyone sang Happy Birthday to Councilman Carbone.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

(None)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2018-005 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1270.05 OF CHAPTER 1270 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING PARKING REQUIREMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 01/16/18. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 01/25/18. Second reading 02-05-18. Public hearing 03-19-18.*

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

(No Comments)

*Mr. DeMio then invited anyone wishing to speak **IN OPPOSITION** of the Ordinance 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 Ordinance.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes, thank you President DeMio. I was at the last board meeting. The board approved a new fund for 2018. That's to take donations for a new grand piano. The new piano would go to the high school. The old one will go to the middle school. I think they're looking to raise \$34,000.00, which The Rotary has already committed \$10,000.00. The Arts of Strongsville has committed \$500.00. Summer school dates are right around the corner. June 11th through the 27th for elementary. Then June 11th through July 13th for the middle school and the high school. Also, on May 18th at the rec center, they will have their annual DARE dance. For second reading is revised policy 2340-that's on the field trips and other district sponsored trips. That's where the board would have the final say-so just in case there was a health and safety issue with the kids and the chaperones. On May 5th we have Jockeys and Julips put on by the Strongsville Community Education Foundation. This is a Kentucky Derby watch party. If you have the night free it is a great event. I'm proud to be there every year. Also, the Strongsville Education Foundation does so many things behind the scenes. One of them is what Strongsville went away from for a little bit and that was field trips. Now they are a huge supporter of field trips. Tomorrow night, right at the middle school 6:30 p.m., we are going to have our own Chief Fender, along with Cameron Ryba the Superintendent; and he will lead community discussion on school safety; so thank you Chief Fender. I would be there, but we're actually having our own in North Olmsted. I wish you the best of luck. That ends my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. DeMio, if I could add on to that, right now I would just like to congratulate our guys' and girls' high school basketball teams for making awesome runs in the State tournament this year. Unfortunately, both were cut a little bit short for making it all the way to the end, but entertaining and fun to follow nonetheless. Again, please pass along our congratulations to Mr. Eicher and Mr. Liposwski and all the kids for awesome runs and an awesome job for representing our city. That's all.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. DeMio, there was no board meeting since our last council meeting, although I will reiterate that the Tiara Ball is Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Hilton downtown. It is a great event to support the Southwest Community Hospital; so if you could attend that it is a lot of fun and a great organization to support. There is a board meeting on March 28th so I will have a full report then. Thank you and I'm happy to take any questions.

Mr. DeMio – Any questions for Mr. Short?

(None)

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 – Any comments for Mr. Daymut at all?

(None)

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Kosek: We also have no ordinances or resolutions on the agenda tonight.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. DeMio, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I understand the final tabulations are being made for the census. We appreciate everyone who took the time to either take it online or mail it in. I think we're going to get a preview tomorrow at the State of the City by Mayor Perciak at the Ehrnfelt Center. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the senior. That's all I have, thank you Mr. DeMio.

Mr. DeMio – Any questions for Mr. Daymut at all?

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Carbone: Finance does not have anything on the agenda this evening.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. DeMio, tonight we had a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2018-005. Given that there was nobody to speak in favor of or against that we're going to move forward on voting on that tonight. That's just to adjust some of our parking codes here and that's on third reading tonight; so just please adopt. That is all that I have unless anybody has any further questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. DeMio, we have one ordinance tonight, Ordinance No. 2018-035 to authorize the increase in the police department's rank of patrol officer from 53 to 55. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. That's all I have for the committee but I'll happily take any questions.

Mr. DeMio – And again, this was approved from last year's budget.

Mr. Short – Correct, this was the funding for the police officers that was approved in last year's budget for...

Mayor Perciak – Well, for 2018.

Mr. Short – For 2018, correct, it passed last year for the 2018 fiscal year budget Mr. Mayor, as we say in accounting.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you sir.

Mr. DeMio – You got that right, anybody else for Mr. Short at all?

(No Comments)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff: I have one item for public service and it is Ordinance No. 2018-036. It's an ordinance to increase the fees for the trees offered to new buildings and new structures. This is first reading tonight and will be referred over to Planning Commission.

Mr. DeMio – Any questions for Ms. Roff?

(None)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff: I have nothing for this tonight.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. DeMio: We met, the ordinances and resolutions were in order. We did do Ordinance No. 2018-033 which is also in order. We did meet briefly with several members of the school board, went over a few safety items and some compliments back and forth. Everything is looking good. We're looking for...April 30th is the date. We're going to ask our school board to meet us. You'll probably get an official notice tomorrow but it looks like the majority of council can make it since our school board president is here. I'll put that in for the record and we thank you all for time. Mr. Micko is here; my all-time favorite Jane Ludwig, and neighbor is here, and Duke Evans as well. Mr. Law Director, anything else before I close that?

Mr. Jamison – No Mr. DeMio.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: A couple of things, first of all, the City Charter requires or suggests that I appoint a Charter Review Commission every five years. I will be doing that and as soon as the people I have contacted confirm that they are willing to serve, I will let everybody know. The first meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2018 at the city's administration offices on Foltz at 7:00 p.m. That will be the first meeting of many things. At that time, really, the law department comes in with a list of recommendations as we have spoken to all of our directors, of some parts of our City Charter that need to be updated—simply as a result of time or changes or things that are actually going on in the world around us. Stay tuned, we'll have that for you here hopefully on the April 2nd meeting. That is what is going on with the Charter Review Commission. Secondly, tomorrow I'm going to deliver the State of the City address. It's going to be a little different than in the past. I'm going to talk a little bit about some of the issues that we have with State funding cuts and how it affects us. I'm going to be very specific in details as to how much those cuts have hurt us. I'm also going to put it in very clear language because everybody is always asking us about street repairs. Tomorrow we'll talk about that as to what that costs us in street repairs or what it would cost us in safety—in a police officer or a firefighter or a paramedic, so we have that for tomorrow. As our chair of the economic development committee expressed in his remarks, we're also going to talk about the results of the city-wide residential survey. Then I'm going to give you a real cliff note's version of the state of the balance sheet here in the City of Strongsville and our accomplishments and some of the things that we still need to do moving forward, and some of the projects that still need to be done. We have a lot of things to talk about tomorrow and it's going to be more of a conversational type of discussion. It's also going to highlight the importance of the economic development committee and department and how crucial they are in closing the gap with these state cuts that we receive. This is just some of the highlights and tomorrow come, if you don't want to come to the luncheon, good; just if you want to come and hear the address fine. I will have available through our economic development director a copy for the media so that you will have it. We also have prepared a news release tomorrow as to the residential survey. We will also be releasing that at the same time. A lot of things to talk about tomorrow and a lot of things to do yet in the upcoming months and year. Lastly, April 1st is Easter. I want to take the time to wish everybody a Happy Easter, a blessed Easter with your family and friends. All of our churches here in our town have scheduled services; whether it be for Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Please take advantage of that. If you don't know, we have a Ministerial Association; they'd be happy to tell you who, where and when. That is chaired by our own Father, Joe Mammich at St. Joseph's Church. It doesn't matter what church you belong to, I think he'll know or he'll refer you to the person that does know. On behalf of all of us here, have a very, very blessed Easter, and that ends my report Mr. President.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much mayor.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec: Thank you Mr. President, funds are available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding and that concludes my report, thank you.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: Thanks Mr. Chairman, I probably should have done this under Committee of the Whole, but I just want to reinforce and ask council to pass the ordinance for the opioid litigation; for us to retain the firms from New York and Cleveland. Since we introduced this two weeks ago, I've had several communities reach out to me and the mayor about joining in on this as well. It's really important because it sends a message to these manufacturers, distributors, and marketers of opioids that have put it into our community and have put these highly addictive pain killers and have caused a lot of problems for all the different layers of our community. I would just ask council to give that consideration and thanks for that. Other than that, all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form, thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. DeMio – It's audience participation time. It is an open mic. Five minutes is what we allow up here. Mr. Evans and Mr. Naso did sign in, but we talked in the back; so just for the record, because this is part of our notes here, they did their business in back so we're good with that. Keith Lauerhass? Come on up and spell your name for the record and can you kindly give us your address. You have five minutes from there on out.

Keith Lauerhass, 15935 Kingswood Court, Strongsville, OH: Keith Lauerhass, L-A-U-E-R-H-A-S-S. I live over there in Gordon Short's Ward, 15935 Kingswood Court.

Mr. DeMio – All yours.

Mr. Lauerhass – It's all mine?

Mr. DeMio – Yes.

Mr. Lauerhass – Okay, I'm here in response to the proposal which is being made by Ward 2 Councilperson Ann Roff about the implementation of the silver sneaker program at the Strongsville recreation center. I moved into Strongsville 36 years ago. I built my own house down there on Kingswood Court; so I've been here since 1982. I've been a member of the recreation center for about the past 20 or so years. Over time, I have witnessed the population growth in the city and the growth in the number of people who utilize the recreation facility. According the article that appeared in the March 10th addition of The Post, if this information is correct, the recreation center has about 15,000 members. On some days, I think they're there at the same time too, let me tell you. I have found that the practical usability of the facility is currently impacted due to overcrowding. The overcrowding situation has been recognized by the rec center staff and the administration as a problem for some time now. I'd like to give credit to them for their attempt to provide some relief from the situation by restricting members from bringing in any guests between 5:00 p.m. and closing time on Mondays and Wednesdays during the fall/winter months. In my use of the rec center, the only time period that I found were overcrowding isn't an issue is between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. during the week on weekdays. Otherwise, as far as I'm concerned, the rec center is an unusable facility. The evenings are crazy, the weekends are worse and even the morning hours; they're usually crowded. I try and avoid going up there in the morning time too. We have the best recreation center facility in the area. I mean nobody has anything better than we do. Lifeworks doesn't compare, Middleburg Heights doesn't compare, Parma, North Royalton, nobody has anything like we got. We got the best.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Lauerhass (cont'd) - The adoption of the silver sneakers program would draw in people from all the surrounding area suburbs because they could come to our suburb facility for free. This would exacerbate our overcrowding problem, resulting in a very negative impact on facility usability. The facility isn't any good if you can't use it. I have neighbors who use the Lifeworks facility which is located by Southwest Community Hospital; I believe you all know where that is at. That facility is not nearly as nice as our rec center. I've been up there and it doesn't compare. My neighbors acknowledge that in the past, they have been members of our rec center. The reason they now are not is because of use of the rec center is such a hassle because of overcrowding, that they prefer to pay more; and they pay a lot more let me tell you; I'll get to that later on here...and traveled further for the convenience of usability that they get at Lifeworks. In The Post article, it was mentioned that the adoption of the silver sneaker's program could generate significant revenue for our rec center. Well, I question that suggestion for the following reason. Now I don't know the exact number of senior citizens that are members of the rec center, but the one thing that would be for sure is that if the silver sneaker's program was adopted, that all the current senior citizens that are paying the annual membership fee would be able to drop their membership because the use of the facility would be free to them. So I wonder how much of that revenue loss would be offset by what Medicare and insurance would pay the rec center. Can I continue?

Mr. DeMio – Yes.

Mr. Lauerhass – I just want to get the lay of the land here as to what memberships cost if you go outside of our rec center. Our rec center is obviously highly subsidized by tax dollars.

Mayor Perciak – That is correct.

Mr. Lauerhass – Okay, if I did some checking around, not that I couldn't afford it and I may have to go that way if this program is implemented, but here is what I come up with...let's talk about the cost of the senior members, because that's where I'm coming from. Not to be sarcastic, but the fees that the city charges us to use the rec center are ridiculously low. They really are. For a single senior's annual membership is \$135/year. When you divide that by 12, I used my calculator to make sure I was right, it only comes out to \$11.25/month. I purchased the senior couple for \$240/year, which knocks it down to \$10/month. In this city here, you can't go out and get lunch for \$10 or \$11 a month. I inquired on what the membership would be, membership fees-that's all I asked them for at Lifeworks, for a senior couple on their one year plan. They have a two year plan and a one year plan and a multi plan. If I were to go to Lifeworks for the wife and I, it would cost us \$82/month. When I use my calculator that comes out to \$984/year. So, the reason I bring up that cost is because you have \$984...

Mr. DeMio – Two things I want to share with you.

Mr. Lauerhass – Pardon?

Mr. DeMio – Two things because I want to be fair to everybody. We try to keep it within five minutes. I'm giving you a little more leeway here, but I want to share this with you as well. The discussion Ms. Roff brought up, it was for discussion; so the article, when you read it, may have seemed like we're doing it. She just brought it up as a request from a resident.

Mr. Lauerhass – Okay

Mr. DeMio – And it blossomed from there.

Mr. Lauerhass – All right, well there's no use saying anything about something after it's done.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – No no...I just wanted to let you know this council can't agree more.

Mr. Lauerhass – You know what some people were thinking out there? I talked to some of the people I work out with at the rec center, and they feel the same way. You can take my word that it's just not my word, but it's others too. So if and when there would be a revenue issue with the rec center regarding to fees, you have a long way to go to work between what you're charging and what you could charge; but somewhere in between, you would be giving the citizens of Strongsville one hell of a deal. I'm willing to pay more for the convenience and the use of the facility. I definitely do not want to see that silver sneaker program come here.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much, and I appreciate your time. I just wanted to make sure that you knew that in fairness to our Ward Councilwoman that she brought it up for discussion and it blossomed into an article. It hasn't gone through the finance department, the rec department at all.

Mr. Lauerhass – Okay, good.

Mr. DeMio – But I appreciate you coming, very much.

Mr. Lauerhass – Well, I hop the people that are on those various committees know what some people are thinking.

Mr. DeMio – Right, 100%. I appreciate your time so much.

Mr. Lauerhass – I thank you for letting me express my views.

Mr. DeMio – Absolutely. Before I ask Mark to come up, because I know he's coming up, is there anyone else who would like to come to the podium? No...Mark, come on up.

(No Comments)

Mark Roth, 22249 Jonathan Drive, Strongsville, OH: Mark- M-A-R-K, Gladiator-G-L-A-D-I-A-T-O-R, Roth-R-O-T-H, 22249 Jonathan.

Mr. Short – For the record, I thought it was Terminator the last time you were here.

Mr. Roth – AKA...I have 4 steel joints now. I just want to tell you, I got the Gladiator name because I fought for the people. I got 82% of the Ward 3 vote for 25 years. The reason why I got that much support is I put them ahead of myself. Now everybody in this room has been blessed financially...everybody. I know of maybe a thousand people, upper hundreds in my ward, that in the beginning of November they turn their thermostats down to 60 degrees and put a sweater on. There's a lot of people suffering right now. You might not think so, but they are. They turn their thermostats down so they have money to buy food and pay for the rest of the bills. They don't need any more tax increases; they need the school system and the city to live within their budget. No matter how...things have really changed, we had 500 houses go in, four malls and triple the size of the city in the 80s and 90s. You guys should consider yourselves blessed. We used to go midnight solving problems. No matter how we disagreed, we vehemently sometimes, we always agreed-even my most bitter enemies on the floor always agreed with each other on the industrial park. That 187 acres is sacred ground. If in the early 90s you would have looked at Foltz and you looked at it today you would be shocked. Because of that development, where we get 80%-90% of our money; the city runs on income tax, not property tax. The last thing we need is condos and clusters and houses again. You just got rid of 3 schools. You want to overtax our police department, our service department?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Roth (cont'd) - Only 9% of our money comes from property tax. It comes from income tax. That 187 acres is sacred ground. We're going to rely on that for the next 20 years as a cost increase, to have an influx of businesses coming into there-to offset any cost increases because, God help you, if you go to the people and tax them anymore. The job description of a councilman is to shape the budget and define the budget. It's also the voice of the citizens you represent. Voice their concerns. You have to have some compassion for the people in your ward, no matter if you can afford it or not. When I hear sneaking and rumbling rumors of council members calling builders and developers and talking about the industrial park...not even the people on Prospect want that industrial park to be touched. They love their bowling alleys with the back half. The back half of those bowling alleys against industrial lane, they love it. Have you been petitioned by them in the last 50 years? No. You want to experience the wrath of Roth or the wrath of the people of Strongsville, because one of the most major crimes in Strongsville history, give that land to a builder or a developer. God help you if you do that. I'm telling you to knock it off. That is going to be the saving grace for a lot of people in this town who haven't taken their sweaters off.

Mr. DeMio – Is there anyone else who would like to come to the podium at all?

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2018-005 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1270.05 OF CHAPTER 1270 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING PARKING REQUIREMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 01/16/18. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 01/25/18. Second reading 02-05-18. Public hearing 03-19-18.*

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-005 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2018-033 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND LAW DIRECTOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, TO ENTER INTO A SPECIAL COUNSEL AGREEMENT WITH CLIMACO, WILCOX, PECA & GAROFOLI CO., L.P.A. AND NAPOLI SHKOLNIK, PLLC FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO OPIOID LITIGATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 03-05-18.*

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. Ordinance No. 2018-033 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2018-035 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Short. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 250.01(b) OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF UNIFORMED OFFICERS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, 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. 2018-035 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2018-036 by Mayor Perciak and Ms. Roff. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1023.07 OF TITLE TWO OF PART TEN-STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE; AND SECTION 1228.01(h) OF TITLE FOUR OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, CONCERNING TREE FEES.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: Liquor Agency Contract: To: Shenouda Hanna Inc. DBA: Gills Beverage & Deli; 11654 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 3/30/2018).


***** 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 8:44 p.m.


Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council


Date