

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY NOVEMBER 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, November 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.*

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

Absent: Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre.

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: Chairman Schonhut advised Ordinance No. 2018-140 is to rezone property located at 12878 Pearl Rd. (PPN 392-30-001) from GB (General Business) classification to CS (Commercial Service) classification. The proposed use will be for a storage facility. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation. This was placed on second reading at the October 15, 2018 council meeting. There will be a public hearing for this at tonight's meeting. Mr. DeMio advised some of his colleagues would prefer to not vote on this legislation at tonight's meeting. Mr. DeMio is ready to vote on this tonight. Ms. Kosek advised she would prefer not to vote so the residents will have more of an opportunity to speak out if they want to in regards to this rezoning. Ms. Kosek has not heard anything from residents at this point but she does not want to be accused of rushing the vote through. Ms. Roff would prefer to hold off, especially if residents at the public hearing come to speak on this. Mr. Short is fine with voting on this tonight, especially if there are no objections at the public hearing. Mr. Schonhut is in agreement with Mr. Short. Mr. Schonhut also understands if Ms. Kosek and Ms. Roff need more time. He has not heard from anyone regarding this project. Mr. Carbone advised he as well has not heard from any residents about the project. Mr. Carbone does have some concern with voting on legislation the same night as a public hearing. He also is fine with postponing the vote if Ms. Kosek and Ms. Roff would like more time. Mr. DeMio spoke to Mr. Catan in regards to vehicles being stored outside the facility. Mr. Schonhut spoke to Mr. Jamison regarding that as well. Mr. Kolick advised if it is being used as a storage facility, they would not be able to have outside storage (ex. boats, trailers, etc.). Mr. Kolick also advised that at a Planning Commission meeting, the owner advised this building will be strictly for inside storage. Mr. Schonhut advised the storage facilities in our city that have outside storage is because they are in a general industrial zoning area district. Mr. Catan was present and advised that time is of value regarding this project; they do not want to lose the buyer. Mr. Catan also advised that his son, Nick Catan, forwarded to all of council a letter from the school and a letter from St. Joseph in favor of this project. Mr. DeMio advised Ms. Kosek to let him know after the public hearing if she is willing to vote on this ordinance tonight. Ordinance No. 2018-152 is an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with a firm of professional engineers to provide engineering design and consulting services in connection with the Howe Road and Shurmer Road Roundabout Project. This will be placed on second reading tonight. Mr. Schonhut stated if there were any questions or concerns regarding this to please reach out to either Ken Mikula or Lori Daley. Ms. Roff advised she has been receiving letters from residents regarding the roundabout project and will forward them to Mr. Mikula and Ms. Daley. Mr. Schonhut asked Ms. Roff to please give them that information before the holidays so they have time to reply.

Ms. Roff advised she will forward the emails over and set up a meeting with them sometime after Thanksgiving.

Finance Committee:

Motion made by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. Schonhut, to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes for October 29, 2018. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Chairwoman advised Ordinance No. 2018-157 is to approve and authorize the filing of an application for financial assistance from the 2019 Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Program for use by the recreation and senior services department. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation. Ordinance No. 2018-158 is to authorize the disposal of equipment and various items no longer needed by the recreation department. This includes some tables, bicycles and floor cleaning machines. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation.

Economic Development Committee: Ms. Kosek advised Ordinance No. 2018-159 is to authorize a job/payroll creation incentive grant for Foundation Software, Inc. Under an ordinance that was passed in 2013, the city has an incentive based program that encourages the creation of full-time jobs and bringing new payroll to our city. Foundation Software has committed to doing that. Mr. Painter advised they are looking into moving into the old Medical Mutual building on Royalton Road. They currently bring in a payroll of \$14.9 million for our community. It is projected that within 5 years it will grow to over \$13 million in new payroll. Mr. Painter also advised that Jobs Ohio is very active in this as well and they are contributing funding towards the project. Mr. Painter advised they still plan on keeping the Foltz Parkway facility and add the Royalton facility as well. They have also purchased facilities on Drake Road for expanded future growth. They may not need those if they acquire the building on Royalton Road. Ms. Kosek advised if they do not meet the requirements of the grant then the city does not pay anything out through the grant. Mr. Painter advised Mr. Dubovec and himself review the annual reports through RITA to see if businesses in this grant program do, in fact, meet their goals. Mr. Schonhut praised Mr. Painter and the mayor for this and filling the empty building with this company. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. DeMio advised Ordinance No. 2018-160 is to amend Section 220.10 of the Codified Ordinances to change to the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation. Resolution No. 2018-161 is to enter into an agreement with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation regarding real estate tax exemption property located at 16761 SouthPark Center. Mr. Kolick will discuss more of this resolution in executive session. Ms. Kosek advised she will abstain from voting on this legislation because her firm represents the Cleveland Clinic in some instances. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation.

It was moved by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. Schonhut to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation matters involving Resolution No. 2018-161. Also present from the Administration: Assistant Law Director Daniel Kolick. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:53 p.m. Ms. Kosek was not present in executive session. The executive session concluded at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President DeMio called the meeting to order at 8:12 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, Joseph C. DeMio, James E. Carbone, Gordon C. Short and Kelly A. Kosek. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Police Chief Mark Fender, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Communications and Technology Director David Sems, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Public Safety and Health Director Charles Goss and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Mr. DeMio – And just for a point of order, for those of you who don't know, I'm sure everybody here in the audience does know. Mr. Daymut not only gave his resignation last week and it was a very uncomfortable time for all of us to accept that resignation. Shortly thereafter, Mike had passed away and we wanted to keep his nameplate up but his family wanted it for the services in the future. I wanted to make that note, especially for everybody in the audience and those that are on TV that our prayers, in its entirety, are for Mr. Daymut and his family. We all could go on, as we did the other day when we accepted his resignation, about all the fine things that Mr. Daymut accomplished and did for the community. We are taking all those minutes from that meeting and Aimee is going to be so kind as to give it to the Daymut family so they can see how much we appreciated him and his family. We'd like to have a moment of silence for Mike and his family if we could.

At this this time, a moment of silence was given for the passing of Councilman Michael J. Daymut.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

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

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Mayor's re-appointment and Council confirmation of Greg McDonald to a four (4) year term as a member of the City's Planning Commission, effective November 30, 2018 and expiring November 29, 2022.

Mayor Perciak – Yes Mr. President, this evening ladies and gentlemen I'd like to re-appoint and ask for council's confirmation of Greg McDonald to a four year term as a member of the city's Planning Commission, effective November 30, 2018 and expiring November 29, 2022.

Motion made by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut to confirm Greg McDonald to a four year term as a member of the city's Planning Commission, effective November 30, 2018 and expiring November 29, 2022. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

At this time Mayor Perciak administered the Oath of Office.

(Applause)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2018-140 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 12878 PEARL ROAD (PPN 392-30-001) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO CS (COMMERCIAL SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 09-17-18. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 10-04-18. Second reading 10-15-18. Public hearing 11-19-18.*

*Mr. DeMio invited anyone wishing to speak **IN FAVOR** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council.*

Nick Catanzarite, 1301 E. 9th Street, Suite 3500, Cleveland, OH: Nick Catanzarite, 1301 E. 9th Street, Suite 3500, Cleveland, OH. I'm here representing Catanzarite Investment Company, the property owner and petitioner for the rezoning request. As you mentioned, we're seeking a rezoning from general business to commercial services to accommodate a proposed indoor self-storage business. Kevin and Marissa McNulty are seated in the back. They're going to be speaking here in a moment. They are the proposed buyers of this property. They have an indoor storage facility in Medina. They want to open their second location here in Strongsville and the rezoning is necessary for them to do that because you can't operate an indoor storage facility under the general business zoning classification. As they have explained in our previous readings and at Planning Commission, they have no intentions of materially altering the outside of the building. It will largely remain the same as it is now. There might be some improved landscaping, parking lot repairs and that sort of thing but there will not be any material changes to the building itself. All of the trees and the wooded land and everything in the back will remain. There's not going to be trees cut down and further things built. Of course, if they buy the property they would have the right to do that in the future; but for their current plans, they have no intention of altering anything with the property as it is today. Catanzarite Investment Company has owned this building for over fifty years. It's been a retail operation for a majority of that time period and with retail comes traffic, right? The rezoning, if it converts to commercial services and indoor storage, will result in a reduction of traffic. We met with the neighboring property owners, St. Joseph Parish to the north, the Strongsville School District to the south. We talked to them about the project. We listened to them. We asked them what concerns they had. They didn't have any. Once they understood what the project was they supported it. I sent all of you the letter of support that each of them wrote. The takeaway from those letters of support are: 1. They felt commercial services was a more restrictive zoning classification and they were in support of that. 2. They felt that this use would have less traffic than a retail use. The building is about 50,000 square feet, right? Everybody talks about getting away from big box retail. Well, that building could be a big box retail use and they saw that and they recognized that and said, "Yes, we feel like this use probably makes more sense." For those reasons they provided a letter of support. To date, we've heard no objections from anybody. We've reached out to councilmembers. We've met with the city administration and staff. We've tried to answer every question there is but if there are any remaining, I'm happy to answer what you have now.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Mr. Catan (cont'd) - Otherwise, we ask that you vote in favor of it, tonight if possible; but recognizing that might not happen, I ask you to consider a positive vote at the next hearing. I'll let Kevin and Marissa explain the business in more detail if you have no questions.

Mr. DeMio – Could you just go over the no outside storage, just for the record again? I just want to clarify one thing, and this won't be harmed during your time, for the record you have those letters? You referred to the letter from the school as well as the...St. Joseph of the Diocese correct? So you have that as part of the record, okay.

Mr. Catan – Right.

Mr. DeMio – We all got the copies, but I wanted to make sure that she (Aimee) had it.

Mr. Catan – I'm happy to provide additional copies but the way the code is written, indoor self-storage facilities are permitted in commercial services so long as they are within the enclosed building itself. Outdoor storage is not permitted without separate Planning Commission approval, if at all; so there are no plans for outdoor storage, no RVs, no boats, landscaping equipment...none of that sort of that thing will be seen in the parking lot. Again, as we explained that to the church and the school, they understood and they were in support of it.

Mr. DeMio – I just wanted to clarify that we have it in the record. We're good.

A copy of these letters is attached to the back of these minutes.

Kevin and Marissa McNulty, 1620 Stony Hill Road, Hinckley, OH: My name is Kevin McNulty, my wife Marissa. That K-E-V-I-N, Marissa is M-A-R-I-S-S-A, last name McNulty, M-C-N-U-L-T-Y. We live at 1620 Stony Hill Road, Hinckley, OH 44233.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, it's all yours.

Mr. McNulty – We thank you very much for your time tonight. As mentioned before, we consider it a great opportunity and a privilege to work in your city. We've been long fans of the City of Strongsville, its business community. I am a state certified real estate appraiser, work for the BA as well as every major bank across America, so I work in your community a lot and I've seen the need for the services that we offer our area in Medina. Marissa and I have been together for over 30 years; 22+ years on business, running a couple different businesses, all successfully and ethically, and built up a good name and reputation for ourselves. Recently, we sold some investments off and we decided to build a self-storage facility in Medina, OH. We wanted to get away with what the normal thought was of a self-storage facility. We wanted to give Medina the topnotch, class "A", state-of-the-art facility featuring rental kiosks, gate apps, high security presence, camera systems with security fencing and then online presence where they can conduct all of their business. That turned out to be a success. We just had our grand opening a couple of weeks ago on a Friday and we're happy to announce that Mayor Hanwell as well as Dan Gladys from the City of Medina would be happy to be references for us upon request. One day we were going through Strongsville and we saw the warehouse and right away, both of us said, "Boy, that would just be an ideal thing for the City of Strongsville, an ideal business. We did some preliminary research and we looked at what the competition was currently offering the residents of Strongsville. We soon realized that it was underserved and it lacked the services that we offer which are larger sized units, state-of-the-art accessibility, and just overall a great, class "A" facility as compared to what it is normally known as. We met Nick and Mike and his family, all very nice people.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Mr. McNulty (cont'd) - We were able to come together and after the feasibility reports and studies we did on the market area, we found that definitely, the City of Strongsville could use the type of services that we offer. Our goal is to come in and do the same thing as we did in Medina, offer our community a class "A" facility with services over and above the call of duty; all while doing this remaining at a competitive price and offering the consumer a lot more for what they are normally used to getting in this type of area for the market. Marissa, would you like to say anything?

Ms. McNulty – I feel the same way as others about the outside parking and, sort of like, garbaging it up. I like a very clean and well-kept place as well. Again, since everything is going to be contained within, you're not going to be seeing everybody's stuff and everything, as Kevin said, has keypad access for security, no one is just coming and going. The other thing we love about the building is the access for the moving trucks to come in and use the dock and back up and unload outside of the weather. We've had several moving companies come into our facility and they would love to have that amenity. We just really look forward to being a part and being an added blessing to your community. We know there is a lot of apartments and people in transition or building homes and that's what we see at our place as well, a lot of people building homes so they are putting stuff in storage or downsizing. Again, with all the apartments that you do have in the community, we hope to be an asset and blessing to them-that they're not going to have to throw things away that they perhaps don't want to.

Mr. McNulty – Yes, and we'd like to reassure our neighbors all around we're in to be a great neighbor too, to our community as well as to our neighbors around the site. As Nick mentioned before, they'll be no outside storage of any sort. There will be no increased external obsolescence. There's going to be a decrease of traffic flow in my opinion. We're going to, obviously, keep the facility up to its standards and improve as time goes on; make it a beautiful asset aesthetically to look at as well as safety and security is our number one concern, like we addressed in Medina, going with the state-of-the-art, most extensive systems as we can to identify everyone coming onto the property. Once they become a customer, there's no access to get into the building unless you're coded and we know your identity and everything works together really, really well. We would just love to be a part of your community. I hope you approve us.

Ms. McNulty – Thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you. Just for the record, before the next phase starts, is there anything any of the council would like to ask on this side of the...? He hopes to be the next owner of the property, is there any questions?

Mr. Schonhut – Joe, if I could, I know that we talked a little bit about it at Planning, but are your intentions to use the building in its entirety for the storage facility or are you projecting maybe a separate use in there as well?

Mr. McNulty – We're looking at a possible separate use for just the front of the building which could be used for offices and maybe offering that up; but we would utilize absolutely all the rest of it.

Ms. Roff – Offices for yourself or...?

Mr. McNulty – A third party.

Ms. Roff – Okay, one other questions I had, as far as you mentioned security, I heard you say something as far as fencing goes. Are you fencing it then?

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Mr. McNulty – We had no immediate plans for doing any external fencing because we're not going to be conducting any storage...

Ms. Roff – There's nothing outside.

Mr. McNulty – ...on the outside. Everything will be inside the four walls so anybody driving by the property today compared to when we hopefully can start the operating of it, you won't notice zero difference. It will look the same

Ms. Roff – It will look the same.

Mr. McNulty – It will look the same, yes.

Ms. Roff – Thank you.

Mr. McNulty – You're welcome.

Mr. DeMio – Jim, anything? Kelly?

Ms. Kosek – How many employees do you think you'll employ there at that location?

Mr. McNulty – Right now it's going to be my wife and I as well as my sons; and then it's going to be projected upon the growth and how fast the ramp up period is, but it could be up to a handful. That is sort of undetermined right now. That's pretty much see how it works out as far as activity.

Ms. Kosek – Okay.

Mr. DeMio – Gordon?

Mr. Short – No questions.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, thank you so much.

Mr. McNulty – Thank you all for your time, I really appreciate it, thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Is there anyone else that is for the project?

John Bourjaily, 10411 Pine Needle Drive, Strongsville, OH: My name is John Bourjaily, B-O-U-R-J-A-I-L-Y, 10411 Pine Needle Drive, Strongsville, OH. I'm here in favor of this project and I ask council for their strong consideration not to delay the vote, but to vote tonight. Why? For those of you that are elected and those of you that are appointed you're here to legislate. Let's legislate in a timely fashion. This is tonight the public hearing and the third reading. There's no need to delay. We have great buyers, we have a great seller, they've been pillars of the community. You've had people...no more vacant building on Pearl Road...what a novel idea we could have in this community instead of having a vacant (building). You go down Foltz, you see enough vacant buildings. Let's not have one more. Support-you have the school district who has supported this project. You have the Archdiocese and the church who have supported this project, okay? We don't need to lose a buyer. We need to keep people here. We want people to do business in Strongsville and not go back to Medina or Brunswick; and you have a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission, a favorable recommendation. Remember that when you vote please; and hopefully, you will vote tonight. You've met all the council requirements for readings in today's public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Mr. Bourjaily (cont'd) - All I ask you to do is please give these people their chance and vote for your community. You were put up here to do that in a timely manner, thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Anyone else who is in favor of the project please come forward and just...chief, I've known you a long time but spell you name.

Tom Dease, 13081 Olympus Way, Strongsville, OH: Tom Dease, D-E-A-S-E, 13081 Olympus Way, Strongsville. I only have a question, will this be a 24 hour operation? I know (unintelligible) to be traffic moving there during a 24 hour period? If I could get an answer to that.

Mr. McNulty – Once you are a customer of the facility you are granted an individual identification code which you must use to enter that building. After that, you are able to access that building anytime, 24/7.

Mr. Dease - ...get a storage facilities in the place but you're not going to have trucks running in and out of there.

Mr. McNulty – The feasibility studies show, as well as our current activity, that at any given time you're talking maybe a handful of people at the most at any given time that are present at the facility. Typically, they are there to either pick up or drop off and it's a very quick transaction; so there will be no long term parking, no business being conducted out of the units; anything that would warrant any length of time of activity being at the property at all hours of the night, no sir.

Mr. Dease – Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you chief, I appreciate it.

Craig Glasky, 12887 Olympus Way, Strongsville, OH: My name is Craig Glasky, G-L-A-S-K-Y. I live at 12887 Olympus Way. My home is directly behind the property. I'm for this project, but they talked to the church and they talked to the left and they talked to the right, but they never talked to anyone behind the property. We don't know what to expect. We were told by this gentleman here that they are going to leave the woods alone. I like those woods, it's been there for 25 years for me. I don't want to see anybody put a side or see the city...they had it for sale for a long time and I'd like to know how many units are going in here.

Ms. McNulty – (Unintelligible)

Mr. Glasky – That's a lot of traffic, 305 units. A lot of headlights and a lot of cars going in 305 units. I'm concerned about that. That's all I have to say.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you, anyone else for?

(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, for the school board, at the last school board meeting they approved a \$30,000.00 Ohio School Safety Grant for fiscal year 2019. They also denied transportation for four students. Maybe you didn't know; but, anything under 30 minutes, the school is responsible for transporting any non-public school student. For the four, they contested and it was ultimately denied. Over the next couple months, the school board is going to be looking at a \$6 million annual deficit. They are going to be looking to see where they can cut and not affect the students' academics. Also, congratulations to our girls' soccer team, unbelievable job. A lot of hard work. A lot of dedication there. Congratulations to them. Lastly, I want to say a congratulations to Dawn Thall. Dawn is the niece of Michael Daymut, our former councilperson and she will be the assistant girls' basketball coach. This was effective October 21st. Good luck to them. They have a new head coach as well. Good luck to the girls' basketball team. That ends my report.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much. Southwest General, Mr. Short.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you, Mr. DeMio. There was no meeting since our last council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, November 28th and so I will do a report at my next council...at the next council meeting. I will close my committee; but, happily take any questions.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES:

Mr. DeMio – As we know, Mr. Daymut is no longer with us. There is nothing before that committee today. I will take that assignment temporarily and reassign that within the next couple weeks when we have a Ward 1 Councilman and we get an opportunity to shore up the committee assignments. With that said, we will close that committee, Building and Utilities; go right to Kelly Kosek who has Communications and Technology and then we will go into Economic Development and she has been assigned for Economic Development as well. So she can go right into those next two committees.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Kosek: Okay, so Communications and Technology, there no ordinances or resolutions on the agenda; but, if there are any questions about that I'll be happy to take those. Hearing none we'll roll right into Economic Development.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Kosek: On the Economic Development, we have one ordinance tonight; which is Ordinance No. 2018-159. This ordinance would create an incentive grant for the Foundation Software Inc.; which is a software company that specializes in the creation of accounting software for the construction industry. Pursuant to the city's grant program; which is an incentive based grant program, we are encouraging the creation of fulltime jobs and added payroll to Strongsville. Foundation Software Inc., has committed to just doing that; bringing significant new fulltime jobs and making an investment in our community. I would encourage that be suspended and adopted tonight. With a reminder to all that the incentive base program does not kick in until the benchmarks that we have set are met and those are significant high standards. If you would suspend and adopt on that. Then, I just wanted to take a moment to mention that we have not had an Economic Development meeting since our last meeting; but, we will be having one on Monday, the 26th at the recreation center at 7:00 p.m. The agenda has already been circulated. The meeting is open to the public. We'll be talking about some of the events that have previously happened this fall and we're going to also talk about some upcoming events if anyone would like to attend. Finally, I just want to take a minute to mention Mike Daymut here which I think everybody would agree is appropriate. I know I speak for the entire Economic Development committee who was rapidly sending e-mail today about what a great job Mike had done and what we should be doing to honor Mike. His leadership on the Economic Development committee is just stellar and certainly, we'll all be working to meet the high bar that he set. With that, I close the committee.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – I appreciate, Kelly, I apologize I didn't tell you this in caucus. Steve Sinisgalli told me if you'd like to reach out to him in any fashion regarding all the ins and outs that Mike and him went over, over the years, he would be glad to talk with you.

Ms. Kosek – That would be fantastic. Thank you.

Mr. DeMio – You got that. I apologize for not telling you earlier. Finance, Mr. Carbone.

FINANCE – Mr. Carbone: Yeah, I have nothing in the Finance committee on the agenda this evening; but, I will answer any questions if anybody has any.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, so close the committee?

Mr. Carbone – Yep. Close the committee.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. DeMio. Before I get started, only because I love him so much. I want to welcome "Team G", Mr. Michael Gallagher, our County Councilman to the room who is proudly, well I can't comment on that. I thought you were breaking out the "Team G" shirt. Mike was up here on council for quite a while and now serves down at the county so welcome Michael. Two things under Planning, Zoning and Engineering; Ordinance No. 2018-140, which is the ordinance on the rezoning that we just had the public hearing on. I know there were some concerns there. I know that nobody came up during the "against" thing. If you would, I truly believe that going from general business to this, the traffic count will be way less than what it would be if it remained general business. I certainly am sympathetic to some of the concerns that you guys brought up. I know, I had the chance to meet Mr. McNulty through the Planning Commission as well. I'm sure that he would happily discuss some of those concerns with you and do his best to address them as best he can. I do think, they're a good family and do not want to do anything to impact you guys back there as well; so, I'm sure that he would be happy to discuss with you. Does anybody up here have any concerns with moving forward on this tonight at all?

Ms. Kosek – I guess my only question is, I did not hear anyone coming up in the negative. Against...

Mr. Schonhut – Correct.

Ms. Kosek – The two gentlemen who spoke were in favor of the project. Correct?

Mr. DeMio – Correct.

(Unidentified voice from the audience) – Why wasn't it put on the ballot to begin with?

Mr. DeMio – When we get to the Law Department's notes. Maybe he can overview that for you. Is that okay?

Mr. Kolick – Sure.

Mr. DeMio – Okay. In a few minutes when it's his report, our law director's report, he'll fill you in on how it works and why we couldn't and; but that's an excellent question. That is a very common question by the way.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut (cont'd):

Ms. Kosek – Given that there was no one who spoke against it, if everyone wants to move forward with it, I will not object.

Mr. DeMio – Okay.

Mr. Schonhut – The recommendation on that tonight will be to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-152; which I think Mr. Hasko may have something to say to me about tonight. I don't know. He for warned me that he might be slapping me across the wrist tonight. This is in regards to engineering services at Howe and Shurmer Road for a potential roundabout. This is going on second reading tonight and maybe we might get to discuss that a little bit more during audience participation. That is all I have for tonight Mr. DeMio. If anybody has any questions, I will happily answer them.

Mr. DeMio – I can't wait for audience participation. I appreciate that and I appreciate Kelly taking an extra moment to digest everything because as a ward councilman, it's a little difficult from time to time when it's your ward impacted on a rezoning issue and I appreciate, very much that you would like to resolve this tonight, appreciate it. Public Service, Ann, you have the next two. Public Service and you also have Recreation. Go right into it.

Mr. Short – What about Public Safety and Health?

Mr. DeMio – Ann, hang on second.

Mr. Kolick – Public Safety and Health.

Mr. DeMio – Oh, I'm sorry. I checked it off. Mr. Short, I apologize.

Mr. Short – I'm that quickly forgotten.

Mr. DeMio – Well, I know there is so much on the agenda tonight for your committee, I apologize.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short: Well thank you. There are no ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda.

Mr. DeMio – How come you're red? I should be the one red, right? I over looked you.

Mr. Short – I do want to take a moment to thank our safety forces, our police and fire for yesterday at The Commons, especially with the fireworks, I'm sure the Fire (inaudible), for all we know, always making sure that gets off without a hitch. Also to our safety forces who you do not see but they are there keeping that event safe and sound and again, another excellent event. My hats off to both the police and fire for their hard work to make sure that it's a fun and safe event for the community. With that I will conclude my report; but, will happily take any questions.

Mr. DeMio – What a pro. You went right to nothing to (laughter). Very nice, Gordon. Excuse me, Public Service and Recreation. Back to back. Go right ahead, Ann.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff:

See Recreation and Community Services Committee below.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff: All right, both of mine are falling, two ordinances both are falling under Recreation. I have Ordinance No. 2018-157 and this is authorizing the Mayor and the recreation department to apply for a grant program. This is recommended to suspend and adopt. Sorry, I have Ordinance No. 2018-158. This is authorizing the recreation center to dispose of various items no longer either working or value. There are a handful of track bikes, a few tables and a few floor cleaners. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

Mr. DeMio – Excellent.

Ms. Roff – That is all I have.

Mr. DeMio – So, any questions for Ms. Roff? Close the committees.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. DeMio: We have Ordinance No. 2018-160 and Resolution No. 2018-161. Quickly, we go by Robert Rules of Order, we have to update that every...whatever. This is the 11th edition. There are 715 pages that we kind of use to oversee how we run our organization and how we do our meetings.

Ms. Roff – Could you read through those.

Mr. DeMio – I did read. If you knew Charlene Barth...

Ms. Roff – No, I asked if you could read through them now.

Mr. DeMio – Right. The first thing she did when I came in office, she handed me this book and she said, you better know it Joe. Charlene would quiz you and those of us who worked with her knew that. It's true. That's number one. The other is an agreement that we have, Resolution No. 2018-161. We're going to suspend and adopt that. Chief, I can't close the committee without recognizing you. You are the longest serving Chief in our southern district. How many years Chief?

Mr. Dease – (Unintelligible)

Mr. DeMio – 50 year. I want you to stand up; because, we're all going to thank you for all your service. I know you hate when I do this; but, I'm going to do it. God bless...

(Applause)

Mr. DeMio – Because of you, I still drive 25 mph on Route 42, Chief. I just want to tell you that.

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – Oh, God bless you. Mayor, it is your turn. What do you have for us?

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President. Good evening everybody. Just a moment from the administration and from my office about Mike's passing, Mike Daymut. First of all, our condolences out to June and to Mary and to Julie, to the grandchildren and to Mike's son in law, Mike's brother; Wonderful, wonderful family committed to our community for many, many, many, many years. I want to thank Mike personally, for his 27 years of service to this community. When I first, before I became Mayor, Mike met with me and said, "If this goes your way, I will help you." Mind you, at the time, we were from opposing parties. Mike stuck to his word. Mike truly was leader. He was a man of integrity and probably one of the more honest people I've ever met. To you Mike, I know it's late, you're not here; but, I'm sure you're listening. I want to thank you for all you have done for this community, for your family, for your faith community and for me personally. I will forever be indebted to you for your kindness and your genuine concern; so, Mike, peace, Godspeed to you. I'm sure by now, you're somewhere sitting on a council there in heaven, conducting heavenly business and moving forward and helping them usher through the next rookie that may come by. All the best to you June and your family. Next, I want to talk about the tree lighting last night. I want to personally thank all our volunteers and all our donors. I mean it was the best year ever. People came from all walks of life. From all directions. From the business community, from our residents, to step up to the plate and help us. To each and every one of you, thank you for your kindness, thank you for your generosity and thank you for making Strongsville special; because, it truly is. Strongsville is a special place to live, a special place to work and a special place for all our families and because of all your kindness and help, you have demonstrated that once again. We ushered in Christmas and Santa Claus last night in true fashion; so, thank you so very much. The next thing I just want to quickly thank is our County Councilman Michael Gallagher back there. For our Ordinance No. 2018-157. I want to thank you for the ten grand in advance for our senior center, Michael. Thank you for speaking up for us down there. We appreciate that. Give him a round of applause.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – Whenever there's some money available from the county, he finds it for us. Lastly, I think you have to be happy with the results of the Mentor, St. Edward's game. As an alumni of...I know I saw that St. Edwards and our Steve Kilo. Congratulations to the St. Ed's Eagles and their victory and moving on to State. With that; that ends my report Mr. President.

Mr. DeMio – Excellent.

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. That concludes my report, thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you. Law Department, if you can maybe answer that gentleman's question. That will be awesome.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison:

Mr. Kolick – I will Mr. Chairman. We have certain zoning districts within this city, mainly R1-75 and R-100. Whenever we take a property out those two or propose to take a property out of those two; that is required to go on the ballot. This is why you see certain things going on the ballot. The same thing goes when any rezoning over to a shopping center district. That goes on the ballot; but, those are the only items that go on the ballot. The proposal here tonight is to change from a general business zoning district to a commercial service district. That does not go on the ballot and that's the explanation why you see different zoning districts going on- some do, some don't. This is all mandated by law in our Charter; which is the constitution for the city. Other than that Mr. Chairman, all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda are in proper legal form. Thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Okay. Is there anything I need to go back on? Are we good?

Mr. Kolick – No, we're good.

Mr. DeMio – We're good.

Mayor Perciak – Finance Department?

Mr. Kolick – He hit Finance...

Mr. DeMio – Okay. We already did that Mayor. He answered. Mr. Dubovec answered very quickly.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you.

Mr. DeMio – See? Sure, I'm not the only one.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, but I'm always worried about the money, so...

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – As you should be Mayor.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. DeMio – We do have audience participation. We have one person listed today. Mr. Hasko. Anyone after Mr. Hasko that would like to come up, can. Very simple rules. Just name, address. Try to stay five minutes or less. So, Mr. Hasko, you're up.

John Hasko, 14515 Drake Road, Strongsville, OH: John Hasko, H-A-S-K-O, 14515 Drake Road. Is all of council, mayor and everybody, are you people all up here just to back us up? Us the people? The City of Strongsville? You represent all of us, right? You're supposed to work for us. I'm a little bit disappointed in all of you. You're not fighting for us. How much has the State put in its rainy day fund? Do you know? I heard something at the beginning of the year or last year it was \$2 billion dollars. Then over the summer I heard something it was up to \$3 billion. I don't know if that's true. Mayor...

Mayor Perciak – I don't know.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Hasko – I don't know, okay. This is the time it stops. Let's start giving that money back to the cities. To the schools where he's taking it from. We've got a new governor coming in. Let's start getting together and getting after his butt. We want some of that money back; at least half of what they've been taking. Then maybe the schools won't have to come to us for such huge increases in our taxes. Which I will not support another dime in taxes until after we get money back from the State. It's our time and everybody up here should be fighting for that. As far as the roundabout goes, you better have...this is a sneaky way of doing this. Everybody is on Thanksgiving. Christmas is coming up and you're squeaking this through when people don't have the time to come up here and complain about it; shame on you.

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. Hasko, this has been on the agenda for a while and it still will be on the agenda...

Mr. Hasko – Where has it really been out in the public eye? The Sun Newspaper was the first time it was really out there for people to see. I've talked to realtors lately. You know what they said? Every house on Howe Road is going to go down at least \$25,000.00 in value; because of that roundabout. Is that nice?

Mr. Schonhut – I don't agree with that but...

Mr. Hasko – Are you a realtor?

Mr. Schonhut – I am not.

Mr. Hasko – No, you're not. I asked you that last time.

Mr. Schonhut – You did.

Mr. Hasko – A-Ha.

Mr. Schonhut – You did.

Mr. Hasko – Yes, I did.

Mr. Schonhut – And the answer hasn't changed.

Mr. Hasko – Right. So I still think that...another thing too is, when was the last time ODOT studied I-71 going throughout to see if other interchanges were needed? When did they even design this whole thing? How many years ago? They have never added an interchange or done anything. The only they did is they widened the exit at S.R. 303. That's it. What else have they done? Take a ride up by I-277. Every summer they're putting in stuff out there. They got cement going across, like eight, nine, ten lanes wide- going all different directions. What's wrong with I-71? We, Strongsville residents and Brunswick, are being discriminated against by ODOT. It's time for a big law firm to go after ODOT. We want four interchanges between Strongsville and Brunswick. Stop this bologna. We put these interchanges in, what's that going to help over on S.R. 82 and the mall and all the other things. Including taking away a roundabout. It will correct all this stuff; but, everybody up here is too lazy to do anything about it. Let's get up and start fitting for this stuff. Support your people.

Mr. DeMio – Okay. Is there anyone else that would like to come before council? I will close...oh, come on up. Just a reminder, name, address, spell your first and last name please.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Keith Williams, 16433 Canterbury Drive, Strongsville, OH: Keith Williams, 16433 Canterbury Drive, Strongsville obviously. I'm here to voice my concerns about the roundabout, obviously. We are about the only street, there's probably about 60 homes in our development who don't have an alternate road to get out of our area other than Howe Road. If there's a constant flow of traffic that is coming through that roundabout from Shurmer Road and from Howe, it's almost impossible to turn left out of our development northbound toward the mall as it currently stands. With the flow of traffic going like that; you know, all the time then we're never going to be able to get out. I'm sure you've seen...the police have probably seen a number of accidents right at our intersection; because people have to floor it to try to get out of our area. I'm just here to raise my voice against that.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much for coming. I appreciate it. Is there anyone else that would like to come up?

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2018-140 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 12878 PEARL ROAD (PPN 392-30-001) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO CS (COMMERCIAL SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 09-17-18. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 10-04-18. Second reading 10-15-18. Public hearing 11-19-18.*

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-140 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2018-152 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A FIRM OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOWE ROAD (CR 188) AND SHURMER ROAD (CR 205) ROUNDABOUT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2018-157 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE 2019 CUYAHOGA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES; 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. 2018-157 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2018-158 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF VARIOUS ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT UTILIZED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

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. 2018-158 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2018-159 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A JOB/PAYROLL CREATION INCENTIVE GRANT FOR FOUNDATION SOFTWARE, INC. 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. 2018-159 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2018-160 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.10 OF CHAPTER 220 OF TITLE FOUR OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL MATTERS, 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. 2018-160 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2018-161 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION REGARDING REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16761 SOUTHPARK CENTER, 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. Roll call: Ayes: Short, Carbone, Schonhut, Roff and DeMio. Abstained: Kosek. The motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: Ayes: Carbone, Schonhut, Roff, DeMio and Short
Abstained: Kosek Motion carries. Resolution No. 2018-161 ADOPTED.**

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President DeMio adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.



Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

12-03-18

Date

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



October 26, 2018

Dear Members of the Strongsville City Council:

I am writing in regards to Ordinance No. 2018-140, particularly as it relates to the parcel of land that is immediately to the south of St. Joseph Parish. This ordinance deals with the possible rezoning of a parcel, located at 12878 Pearl Road, from GB (General Business) to CS (Commercial Service). After consultation with the Diocese of Cleveland Legal Office and their assistance in the exploration of the city's zoning classifications, we do not object to such rezoning. As a matter of fact, I find the new zoning classification to be more advantageous to us as the new classification is more restrictive than its current classification and should result in less traffic than the parcel's previous uses.

We appreciate the positive working relationship that we have enjoyed in the past and look forward to such a positive relationship continuing with the new occupant. Thank you for your time and your legislative work on behalf of our community and her citizens. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at St. Joseph Parish by phone at 440.238.5555.

Sincerely,

The Reverend Joseph R. Mamich
Pastor

Strongsville City Schools

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October 29, 2018

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Dear Members of the Strongsville City Council:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Strongsville City School District in regard to the proposed rezoning of the parcel located at 12878 Pearl Road. Please know that we do not have any objection to or issue with rezoning this parcel from General Business to Commercial Service.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the District's stance on this issue. Should you need anything further as it relates to rezoning this parcel, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 440.572.7010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CMR", written over a large, faint watermark of the same signature.

Cameron M. Ryba
Superintendent

CMR/sp