

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STRONGSVILLE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Strongsville Communications Center, 13213 Pearl Road, on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Patrick J. Coyne, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Kenneth M. Dooner, Michael J. Gallagher, Raymond L. Haseley and Mark A. Roth. Also Present: Clerk of Council Leslie J. Seefried. Administration: Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Building Commissioner Anthony J. Biondillo, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Recreation Director Stephen F. Kilo, Human Resources Director Anthony Urankar, Police Chief Charles Goss, and Fire Chief Robert Moody.

The following Committees met to review legislation on the agenda:

Finance Committee: Chairman Coyne recommended suspension and adoption this evening for Resolution No. 2008-229, a resolution further amending Resolution Nos. 2006-49 and 2008-194 to designate an additional depository for active and interim funds of the City.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2008-230, repealing Ordinance No. 2007-144 and canceling a contract for the purchase of one ALS ambulance/rescue/pumper unit for use by the Fire Department with a trade-in and authorizing the Mayor to re-advertise for bids for the same. Chief Moody explained the contract for the unit is being canceled because the manufacturer had filed for bankruptcy.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2008-231, authorizing the disposal of three Public Service Department vehicles no longer needed for any municipal purpose. He also recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2008-232, authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for traffic signal/electrical maintenance services for 2009-2010, and for Resolution No. 2008-233, granting permission to repurchase certain certificates for burial rights in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery.

Committee-of-the-Whole: President Gallagher recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2008-234, enacting a new Codified Ordinance Chapter 268, establishing the Department of Human Resources.

Councilman Coyne reported that the Council Personnel Committee met on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to review some eighty resumes submitted for the position of Council Office Assistant. The committee chose nine candidates to interview for the position and scheduled interviews with each candidate for Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Council Personnel Committee is an ad hoc committee appointed by President Gallagher on which Mr. Coyne serves as Chair and Messrs. Dooner and Roth serve as members.

Resident Karl Schmidt, 18794 Stony Point, addressed the Council members regarding a problem that he and several of his neighbors in the Chandler Commons subdivision have been experiencing with burnout on portions of their tree lawns and the adjacent lawns next to the sidewalk in front of their homes. The grass is burnt out on both sides of the sidewalks and the area adjacent to the street side. He stated this problem goes back to 2006. Mr. Schmidt believes the problem is that of soil contamination from the road salt trucks. Mr. Schmidt stated he has been working with Service Department Foreman Dave Kreidler and City Forester Jennifer Milbrandt, along with Luke Stratton of Turfgrass as a consultant for the City regarding this problem. The soil was tested and the result of the test showed the soil was high in calcium but the percentage of sodium was negligible. Mr. Schmidt subsequently contacted the owner of the lab and asked him to interpret the numbers on the

soil test results, which he was given a copy of, and specifically asked about the negligible percentage of sodium. The owner of the lab told Mr. Schmidt there was nothing listed on the report because he was not told to test for salt content or soluble salts. Mr. Schmidt brought this matter to the attention of Mr. Kreidler, who instructed Mr. Stratton to have the soil samples retested for sodium. The new test results showed high concentrations of calcium and sodium chlorides. Mr. Schmidt believes that since the road de-icing materials consist of calcium chloride and sodium chloride, the City is responsible for the damaged lawns due to a salt truck that overextended the salt spray onto the lawns. He and the others who have damaged lawns are requesting that the City fix the problem. Service Director Walker stated he was unaware of this matter and that he needed some time to review the matter with Mr. Kreidler and further investigate the situation. Mr. Walker will contact Mr. Schmidt after investigating the situation and will work along with him to properly diagnose the problem, to determine the cause of the problem and to see what can be done to rectify it.

Economic Development and Technology Committee: Chairman Daymut stated he would give his report on the Council floor this evening.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STRONGSVILLE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2008 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by the President of Council, Michael J. Gallagher. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Gallagher – Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to the November 3rd Council meeting for the City of Strongsville.

**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:** Patrick J. Coyne, Joseph C. DeMio, Kenneth M. Dooner, Michael J. Gallagher, Raymond L. Haseley, Mark A. Roth III, and Michael J. Daymut. Also Present: Leslie J. Seefried, Clerk of Council. **Administration:** Kenneth A. Kraus, Law Director; Joseph M. Walker, Service Director; Charles Goss, Chief of Police; Robert Moody, Chief of Fire; John Bedford, Communications and Technology Director; Ken Mikula, City Engineer; Anthony J. Biondillo, Building Commissioner; Anthony Urankar, Human Resources Director; and Steve Kilo, Recreation Director.

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Motion was made by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Coyne to excuse Mayor Perciak for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 20, 2008 were approved as submitted.

**APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:**

None.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES;**

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Gallagher:** There was a meeting last Wednesday, I was in attendance and I was permitted to start telling everybody about all the good things happening at the Hospital; it's once again rated in the top 100 hospitals for its size in the nation and congratulations to the Board there. Other than that, that is all I have; if there are any questions, I'll answer them.

(No questions)

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Roth:** Thank you, Mr. Gallagher. There will be a report forthcoming after the next School Board meeting.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Roth?

(None)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Gallagher:** I attempted to meet with Mr. Kilo Friday, I missed him, so there is no report this evening and no legislation before Council this evening. I'll answer any questions.

(No questions)

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Dooner:** Yes. Ordinance 231, authorizing disposal of three Department of Public Service vehicles that are no longer needed for any purpose, we're recommending suspending and adopt; Resolution 232, authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for traffic signal/electrical maintenance services for the 2009-2010 year in the City of Strongsville, recommending suspend and adopt that, also; and then last, 233, which is a resolution granting permission to repurchase certain certificates for burial rights for the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, recommending suspending and adopt that, also. Any questions?

Mr. Gallagher – Questions for Mr. Dooner?

(None)

Mr. Gallagher - Thank you, Mr. Dooner.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you, Mr. Gallagher. We have before us tonight 2008-230, repealing 2007-144 and then going out for bids for a new pumper. Basically, the company went out of business, so we have to take care of our business, so we're going to suspend and adopt that.

I do want to say, and I'm sure you will, Mike, that we're glad the Strongsville Mustangs moved on in the playoff race. And, speaking of sports, we have the (unintelligible) coming from the back of the meeting room, and I always have to say hello to the two good baseball players on our team, so hello, men. But that's all I have, Mike.

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

Mr. Gallagher –Thank you. Joe. It seems the baseball teams all are getting Division I scholarships, too; half the team's already (unintelligible). We can't forget the girls' soccer team, who I think are in the final throw of the all of this. So, I'm certain they're going to be – we hope – bringing home another crown to Strongsville. Questions for Mr. DeMio?

(None)

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Haseley:** Thank you Mr. Gallagher. We have no legislation on tonight's meeting; therefore, I have no report. But I'll be glad to answer any questions if there are any.

Mr. Gallagher – Questions for Mr. Haseley?

(None)

**FINANCE - Mr. Coyne:** Thank you Mr. Gallagher. The Finance Committee met this evening and recommended the adoption of Resolution 2008-229, a resolution amending Resolutions 2006-49 and 2008-194 to designate additional depositories for active and interim funds. Other than that, that's all I have this evening, unless there are some questions.

Mr. Gallagher – Questions for Mr. Coyne?

(None)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Daymut.** Thank you Mr. Gallagher. We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda.

I'd like to give a brief report on our meeting from Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, here at the Communications Center. We did review our breakfast meeting from September 25<sup>th</sup>; we did set the date, if you would mark your calendars, for the next breakfast meeting, which will be January 15, 2009 at the Recreation Center at 7 a.m.; we'll keep you abreast who the sponsor and speaker will be for that. We had no tech committee report; Ed Oliveros was absent, we'll have one for our November meeting. Our business and retail survey is progressing; I'd like to give a special thanks to Mr. Painter, he and I have spent about the last week and a half together traversing the City and now we believe we have a very solid list of our business partners, our retail business partners and our service providers as far as doctors, lawyers, accountants go, so as soon as that list is finalized, I will provide that to not only the administration, but the Council members and, Mr. Gallagher, I believe you suggested that perhaps we make some room on our website...

Mr. Gallagher – Yes, I did.

Mr. Daymut - ...for residents that would like to know who is in town so they can support our local businesses. We did review new businesses that are locating in the City of Strongsville and we hope to hear on our grant for the Foltz industrial expansion, which will be the road, sometime this month. One final note, we did discuss the PNC takeover of National City Bank, or proposed takeover; as you know, we have several branches here and we do have an office going in Sprague, so it was a concern for the committee members what will happen with that and as soon as we get more information on that it will be passed on to you.

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

Mr. Daymut (cont'd) - Our next meeting will be Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. here at the Communications Center. That's all I have, Mr. Gallagher. Thank you very much.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you Mr. Daymut. Questions for Mr. Daymut?

(None)

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Roth.** Thank you Mr. Gallagher. No legislation within this committee, but there is one area of concern in the construction/utility. I was hit eight days ago with a barrage of phone calls with extreme anxiety and concern in their voices, approximately eight homes called me; forwarded some memos to a couple departments, I haven't heard anything back as of yet, but I'm going to ask the questions again because I really need – for my residents' sake – I need this addressed before it happens and becomes a reality, a reality that none of my people on Albion Road want to see. For many, many years a lift station has been in Co-Moor on Albion Road; we've never had battery backup. Okay. I know I'm going to hear that for the health, safety and welfare of the area, it's good to have battery backup. The problem is, battery backup with a giant generator that could really suffice for something much, much, much larger and I feel is unreasonable in size, being sort of an expert, but not a complete expert here, but the generator, the battery backup for this pump station is awfully large. And here is the problem that compounds itself: Not only suddenly do we need battery backup and a large generator, but the size of it and then we're going to enclose it in a – from what I'm hearing – and eight foot by eight foot, possibly ten foot high, ugly shed. And, to compound it even further, we're going to put that shed in a front yard, a situation in close proximity to the road. Now, no one, no one up here, no one anywhere would want a shed, which most people in the City don't even want to see in their back yards, let alone in their front yards. We really need the Service Department to hear our pleas, hear the pleas of the people on Albion Road, to try to reasonably reduce the size of this generator, if it's needed at all. Hopefully, maybe we could do something much, much smaller. And if that's not the case, at least move it back off the road, out of sight, put some dense buffering and put it in the back yard and put extreme buffering there because it's unsightly. Up near the street, a large shed like that is going to be not only unsightly but a safety hazard for sight lines. So, I guess my question is to Mr. Walker, to hear my pleas and hopefully can we do something less intrusive and can we resolve some of these concerns that the people have, Mr. Walker?

Mr. Gallagher – Well, Mark, number one, we have an agreement to allow ten days for any of our departments to address any of these concerns. This one being, it sounds like, more involved than the average request, Mr. Walker, are you going to be able to get back to Mr. Roth in two days, more, or would you need some more time to maybe meet with him to address these issues that he has raised?

Mr. Walker – Well, some of the questions I can answer this evening, I have talked to a couple of the residents regarding this. We do have some limitations. It's a pump station, we have to get generator backups on these pump stations, the reason being is when the power goes out, which you have quite often brought up in your ward and in your area, and we face that, too, when the power goes out to a pump station the sanitary sewer starts to back up into people's homes; that is very unacceptable, I think we all agree to that. So we're now backing these pump stations up with generator backups. We are limited as to where we can place the generator, it has to be adjacent to the pump station and it has to be on the City's property that the pump station sits on.

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

Mr. Walker (cont'd) - I don't have the luxury of putting it in somebody's back yard, I have to put it on the property that the City owns, that we can deal with. We are trying to work with the residents and make this as, you know, as nice as possible; the unfortunate thing is, is generators are not pretty. We can -- I spoke to one of the residents on Friday -- they do make just a steel enclosure, which I thought was worse than what we're proposing, we're trying to put something in there that would go more with the looks of those homes, like a T-111 type sided enclosure, as opposed to just a steel generic enclosure which you would see on an industrial site. So, it's not a real good situation; the pump station is not new, it's been there ever since those homes were installed, we're trying to improve the performance of the pump station -- we're mandated to improve the performance there.

Mr. Gallagher -- Okay, if you would please stay...

Mr. Roth -- Mr. Walker...

Mr. Gallagher - ...stay in contact with Mr. Roth regarding this, I would appreciate it.

Mr. Roth -- Just two simple questions, though, Mr. Gallagher. Is it possible to reduce the size of that generator and that shed?

Mr. Walker -- I don't believe so, I can look into that; that is what we call a duplex pump station, it has two large sanitary sewer pumps in there, so the size of the generator has to be enough in order to operate those when we have power failures, so I don't believe the generator is oversized, I will check that, but I don't believe so.

Mr. Roth -- If we can reduce it somehow. Is there any way to move it back any amount of distance?

Mr. Walker -- Well, we have to -- Again, we only own a small piece of property there that the pump station sits on.

Mr. Roth -- How far does that go back, Mr. Walker?

Mr. Walker -- I think if you can picture, there is a row of pine trees, I believe those are on the rear edge of the parcel now, so we're very limited. I spoke to the resident that lives right behind the pump station, I spoke with her Friday, I told her I would be happy to meet her and we would do whatever we had to do as far as landscaping to try to buffer this. It's, you know, it's not going to be a beautiful sight, we're going to try to minimize the impact as much as we can. But, please keep in mind that when the power goes out then the sewage starts to back up and that is totally unacceptable.

Mr. Gallagher -- And the look of the building becomes negligible at that point in time.

Mr. Walker -- We're hoping so, and we'll do whatever we have to do to try to make it conducive and to make it blend in with the landscaping there. We'll do as much as -- whatever we can do.

Mr. Gallagher -- Thanks, Joe.

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

Mr. Roth – If you can reduce it in any way in size and shove it farther back in any way, Mr. Walker, it would be appreciated.

Mr. Walker – I had also explained that, you know, these generators, they have to be exercised, they come on automatically like once a month for a short period of time. The second reason for the shed is to muffle the sound, we don't want to be impacting the residents with the noise of the generator, so the second function of the shed is to muffle the sound of the generator so that's not a problem.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Joe.

Mr. Walker – You're welcome.

Mr. Roth – The only reason I ask – well, one of the reasons I asked, not only to respond to my residents here, but, you know, ten of them are right there, so I'm just trying to ask the questions you're going to get in two more minutes anyway, so I'm trying to ask them now to reduce the number of questions.

Mr. Gallagher – Well, in reality, the best way to get these things done is for us to come out to your neighborhood when we get the concerns, as Mr. Walker has stated. It makes things – We could say a lot of things here, we can't actually get things done unless we're out there. So that's the best thing for us to do is to take the questions that might be coming here and resolve them outside before you walked in here because not much is going to happen here but a lot of talk; we'd rather have Mr. Walker out there with some action and he can tell you what's going to go on. Thank you, Mr. Roth, I appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Walker. Anything else, Mr. Roth?

Mr. Roth – No, that's it.

Mr. Gallagher – Questions for Mr. Roth?

(None)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Gallagher:** We have Ordinance 2008-234; this is an ordinance to establish the Department of Human Resources, which we hired our Human Resources Director last meeting, so we're just going to be codifying that; the recommendation is suspension and adoption. Any questions on that?

(None)

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

Mr. Gallagher – Mayor Perciak is not here this evening, but I do have two announcements. One is from the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce regarding the Chamber Holiday Dance, which will be held – let's see here – eight o'clock at Michaud's December 5<sup>th</sup> until midnight; tickets are sixty dollars per couple. The band Shout will be playing, that's always a – this is like the kickoff in Strongsville, for you new residents; it's a fun time for everybody. Three hundred dollars a table. If you are interested in tables, if you would call the Chamber Office at 440-238-3366 and they will be more than happy to help you out with that.

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

Mr. Gallagher (cont'd) - They get a good crowd out there and sometimes they do sell out, so I would suggest that you call if you're interested in going to the Chamber Dance, and all proceeds benefit the scholarships for our students here in Strongsville.

Also, tomorrow is Election Day and we highly recommend that everybody go out and do their civic duty and vote tomorrow; it's a very important election, not only here in the City of Strongsville, but in the nation. Vote your conscience, and we hope to see you all out at the polls. We appreciate that.

I don't have any other announcements from the Mayor, so I'll move right on to Mr. Batke, who also happens not to be here this evening, but Mr. Kraus is going to stand in in his stead.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT - Mr. Batke:** Absent.

Mr. Kraus – Yes, Mr. President. Unfortunately, Mr. Batke had a death in the family and, in his absence, he has asked me to indicate that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding and up for adoption. Thank you.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you Mr. Kraus. And now for the Law Department, unless there are any questions for Finance.

(No questions)

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus:** Yes. All ordinances and resolutions before City Council this evening are in proper legal form.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you Mr. Kraus. Questions for Mr. Kraus?

(None)

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Gallagher – This portion of the agenda is Audience Participation. There are many people here, I don't know if we've answered your questions or not, hopefully we have, but if you still have any concerns or you want to make a comment to Council, you have five minutes to say your piece. If you would come to the podium, state your name and your address for our record, and the floor is yours. We don't have anyone signed in.

Marty Svrcek, 19583 Albion Road, Strongsville – Gentlemen. Marty Svrcek; I live at 19583 Albion Road. This station is in my front yard, okay? I know the City has an easement, but this is a terrible plan you guys are doing here. This is going to ruin the City's street, and a hundred people come down this road every day, if not more – it's Albion Road; all the west side of Strongsville comes across on Albion to get to Pearl; everybody's going to see this shed. It's a horrible idea. We need to come up with a different plan, bury this generator. The lift station was changed last year, made a mess out of that, we've lived with a pump for three months in our front yards, all of us; I mean, this was every night it would kick on.

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

Marty Svrcek (cont'd) - I mean, you know, we have to come up with some other kind of idea here. This is just a bad idea; it looks horrible, it's going to ruin the neighborhood. It's a Co-Moor development; we have nice trees, nice houses, we can't have a lift station pump or a generator or a shed in the front of the house. If you come down Albion Road you can see it halfway down the street where this is going to sit, they have an orange cone sitting there; you can see the orange cone, what is a shed going to look like? You come down the hill the other way, it's terrible. We have to come up with something else, we've got to bury this thing, we've got to move it back, we've got to, you know, put it in some kind of enclosure, maybe bury it below the fence line, put some kind of decorated stone around it or something, but we can't have a shed, it's going to – all our property values are going to go down; I mean, this is terrible, I mean, it's just a bad idea. So I don't know what else we can do, I know the pump was changed; the original pump you couldn't even see from the street, it was behind the fence under concrete, it was buried, you couldn't even see it. We get the new pump, we have four-foot tall stainless steel boxes sitting there in our front yard. And they planted trees, I have a little design that the City gave me, trees never ended up even close to where they were supposed to plant them. And, you know, I think it's just been a botch job right from the beginning and I'm sorry to say that because I think our City does a lot of good work, I think our Engineering's a good department, I think our City, you know, Service is a good department, do great jobs, but this is a bad plan what we're doing here and it's going to destroy a lot of people's values on their homes. That's about all I have to say; maybe somebody else wants to talk.

Jack Edwards, 19582 Albion Road, Strongsville – My name is Jack Edwards and I live at 19582, and Marty just about covered it all. If there is any way that we could possibly take this from the street level, maybe cut the bank down over there just a little bit, just to get this thing below eyesight. Because every time I pull out of my driveway, I look at those boxes – every morning. And I know it's not an easy task, but aesthetically it's going to ruin Albion Road, Marty's got a very good point; that's going to ruin Albion Road. And I've been there twenty some years, and the first five years I lived there – first six years – I had somebody through my fence, somebody was down in my gully, they turned their car over; this could be one more thing for them to take a peek at and end up in somebody's front yard; and I'm sick of getting my fence fixed. So it's not just a bunch of crybaby people up here looking for, well, don't do it, don't do it, don't do it; we understand you have to have it, we have to have it, it's going to impact us. But aesthetically, it's going to kill Albion Road. And that orange cone that's there, if somebody would drive down there you can see it; I don't care which way you come, you see that cone and it's just this high. So we're not trying to make this issue into some monumental thing that can't be cured, that's not the point; the point is it needs to be moved back towards the – back where the creek is there because that station, when this took place originally, there was about a week's worth of waste going down into the park system, and my yard just -- it was brutal because that runs right through my yard, I'm right across the street from it. And I know something has to be done, but if we could cut the bank down, put it on a slab down there that's tilted, let the water drain off into the creek, something along that line. But to just put a building there, it's going to be – it is, it's going to hurt our property values. Thank you for your time.

Harry Pepper, 19479 Albion Road, Strongsville – Harry Pepper; 19479 Albion Road. Marty pretty much said it all. I'd like to see it buried and I also do not like to hear it, especially during the night because the pump we had last year, I could hear it through the bedroom walls all the time it was on. That's about all I have.

Mr. Gallagher – Anyone else?

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

Dave McKenzie, 19722 Albion Road, Strongsville – Dave McKenzie, 19722 Albion Road. I've got a little experience with generators and I can see the need for having this; obviously, we can't have the sewage backing up. But I agree with the folks and I think the best suggestion is to find a way to mount the generator at or below grade. I've seen lots of developments where they have, you know, big step-down generators, you know, they don't have a big thing above ground, they've sunk them right down to practically ground level. There's got to be some way of being able to, you know, use the back of the ground that is falling away towards the creek, you know, if you can't have an enclosed thing, something that opens out to the creek but is just down low, you know, and basically doesn't impact everybody's, you know, view of what's going on there. Perhaps a little more improvement in the plantings in the area, something such that trees of some sort, bushes that help this look a little bit better. That's about all I have to say. Thank you.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you. Anyone else?

Karl Schmidt, 18794 Stony Point, Strongsville – My name is Karl Schmidt; 18794 Stony Point. I live in the development called Chandler Commons and, more specifically, right next to the new development that was put in, the Kendall Homes, there was fifty-two homes in our area and I am adjacent to that. We had a very good discussion prior to this, but some of my guys here had thought it might be a good idea to at least go on record as to what we discussed in that meeting beforehand here, and thank you very much for giving me the time to go over all of the information in detail that was there. I know it's going to take a little bit more than five minutes, so we pretty much handled that in a meeting prior to this. But I did want to get it on record that the situation and the problem that we have with that is something that looks like this; okay, this is what our lawns look like, okay, and we believe that it's a problem of the salt, high concentrations of calcium and sodium chlorides and we have some test results that kind of indicate that, that that's what the problem is, and you can see that it's on both sides of the sidewalk and it's an eyesore. You know, these houses are very expensive, I think they go for about a half a million to up to seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, and a lot of these people put forty thousand dollars in landscaping and lawn care and things like that. And this is a problem that goes back to 2006, it has been reoccurring, it has been replanted and repaired; I have done my lawn twice and it has come back, it's not something that's going to go away and we would like that taken care of. In our prior meeting that we had before this I met Joe Walker and Joe and I are going to get together tomorrow and get our heads together and I'm going to inform Joe as to what was going on, what I have done so far, and where we need to go with this to get a resolution. Thank you very much.

Mr. Haseley – Thank you, Karl.

Mr. Gallagher – Anyone else?

Terry Kaiser, 14444 Savannah Court, Strongsville – Yes. Hi, my name is Terry Kaiser; I live at 14444 Savannah Court in Stony Point. I have developed the same problem for now three years with the lawn incidences. The City claimed responsibility of it the first year three years ago saying that it was an overlay of salt that came out, dug up what they could and threw down new soil and we tried replanting, but of no avail, it keeps on coming back. And I know the City did that to two of the lawns in the development, as well. We're looking at thirty-five homes with the same problem throughout; it's just unbelievable. Whatever the City can do to help, we appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. Gallagher – Anyone else?

(No comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2008-229** by Mr. Coyne. A RESOLUTION FURTHER AMENDING RESOLUTION NOS. 2006-49 AND 2008-194 TO DESIGNATE AN ADDITIONAL DEPOSITORY FOR ACTIVE AND INTERIM FUNDS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion for adoption by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Coyne.**

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

**Resolution No. 2008-229 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2008-230** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-144 AND CANCELING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE ALS AMBULANCE/RESCUE/PUMPER UNIT FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A TRADE-IN; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SAME; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion for adoption by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Coyne.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2008-230 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2008-231** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Dooner. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF THREE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion for adoption by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Coyne.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2008-231 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2008-232** by Mr. Dooner. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL/ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR 2009-2010 IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

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

**Motion for adoption by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Coyne.**

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

**Resolution No. 2008-232 ADOPTED.**

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

**Resolution No. 2008-233** by Mr. Dooner. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO REPURCHASE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY. (Gechter)

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

**Motion for adoption by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Coyne.**

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

**Resolution No. 2008-233 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2008-234** by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 268 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWO OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion for adoption by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Coyne.**

**Roll Call: Ayes: Daymut, Coyne, DeMio, Dooner, Gallagher, Haseley.**

**Nays: Roth.**

**Motion carries.**

**Ordinance No. 2008-234 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

Application for Transfer of Liquor Permit – TRFO– D5I-D6 – To: Mac Acquisition LLC, **dba Romano's Macaroni Grill, 17095 South Park Center**, Strongsville, OH 44136. **From:** Brinker Ohio, Inc., *dba Romano's Macaroni Grill, 17095 South Park Center*, Strongsville, OH 44136. (Responses must be postmarked no later than 11/17/2008)

***There were no objections by Council to the above application.***

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gallagher – To the folks with the pump, Mr. Walker and Mr. Roth will take care of you on that, hopefully. And the folks with the lawn, Mr. Walker, once again doing double duty with Ms. Milbrandt, get your information and Mr. Walker and Mr. Haseley will take care of that; hopefully, and we hope for a resolve on those. We'll try our best.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was declared adjourned by Council President Gallagher at 8:36 p.m.

Signature on File  
Leslie J. Seefried, MMC  
Clerk of Council

November 17, 2008  
Approval Date