

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2008 AND MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STRONGSVILLE COUNCIL MEETING

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Strongsville Municipal Building, 18688 Royalton Road, *on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.*

Present: Council Members: Patrick J. Coyne, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Michael J. Gallagher, Raymond L. Haseley, James A. Kaminski and Mark A. Roth. Also Present: Clerk of Council Leslie J. Seefried. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Donald C. Batke, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, Economic Development Director Eugene P. Magocky, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Building Commissioner Anthony J. Biondillo, Recreation Director Stephen F. Kilo, Fire Chief Robert Moody and Police Chief Charles W. Goss.

The following Committees met to review legislation on the agenda:

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Haseley advised that Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation to Ordinance 2008-022 at its February 14th meeting and recommended that the Ordinance be placed on second reading this evening and set for a public hearing on April 7th. He recommended that Ordinance 2008-037, an ordinance for recording and dedication of the subdivision and consolidation plat of VAM, Ltd. subdivision, be placed on second reading this evening.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Kaminski recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2008-041, authorizing a contract for the purchase and delivery of ready mix concrete. Service Director Walker advised that bids went out about two weeks ago and Medina Supply was the low bidder.

Economic Development and Technology Committee – Chairman Daymut advised that the committee will meet next Monday, February 25th, and that he would call a separate meeting in the near future for technology issues. A discussion ensued about the future technology needs and/or desires for the Council. A present necessity for the Council would be a computer in the outer Council Office for Council members to access. It was determined that a desktop computer would be placed in that office and a password given to each member of Council. Mr. Daymut reminded everyone that the Business Network breakfast meeting will take place on February 28th.

Council-As-A-Whole: Council President Gallagher recommended suspension and adoption this evening for Ordinance 2008-42, making payment for emergency repairs to the City's force main at 10290 Pearl Road, without public bidding. The Law Director noted that this Ordinance would require a unanimous favorable vote for adoption. President Gallagher also recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2008-43. Recreation Director Kilo explained that the positions enacted by this ordinance are for certain Rec employees who have been in place for some time and who, over the years, have become more diversified, skilled and trained to such an extent that none of the work gets outsourced; everything is done in-house. President Gallagher recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution 2008-044, in support of Issue 15, the Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Replacement Levy. Finance Director Batke advised that the replacement levy would cost about \$147 per year on a \$100,000 home, an increase of about \$27 per year of the current cost of the levy.

Discussion took place about possible dates for the 2008 Budget Hearing. Finance Chairman Coyne set the date for the 2008 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, March 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Councilman Daymut moved that Council adjourn from open session into executive session [*Article XI, Section 9, City Charter*] for the purpose of discussing municipal security arrangements with the Chief of Police and the Chief of Fire. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kaminski. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:47 p.m. with the following Council members present: Messrs. Coyne, Daymut, DeMio, Gallagher, Haseley, Kaminski, and Roth. Also present were Mayor Perciak, Law Director Kraus, Finance Director Batke, Police Chief Goss and Fire Chief Moody. Motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Daymut and unanimously approved to conclude the Executive Session and reconvene in open session, with the Clerk noting the time as 7:56 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STRONGSVILLE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2008 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-273.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: **Council Representatives:** Patrick J. Coyne, Joseph C. DeMio, James A. Kaminski, Michael J. Gallagher, Raymond L. Haseley, Mark A. Roth III, and Michael J. Daymut. Also Present: Leslie J. Seefried, Clerk of Council. **Administration:** Thomas P. Perciak, Mayor; Kenneth A. Kraus, Law Director; Donald C. Batke, Finance Director; Joseph M. Walker, Service Director; Eugene P. Magocky, Economic Development Director; Robert Moody, Chief of Fire; Charles W. Goss, Chief of Police; John Bedford, Communications and Technology Director; Ken Mikula, City Engineer; Anthony J. Biondillo, Building Commissioner; and Steve Kilo, Recreation Director.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 4, 2008 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Mayor Perciak appointed Jerry Grissom, Michael Barth and Pamela Peacock to the Town Center Commission for three year terms effective February 19, 2008 and expiring on February 19, 2011.

The Mayor reappointed Timothy Huffman and Eve J. Hawk to the Town Center Commission for three year terms expiring on December 20, 2010.

He also reappointed Raymond L. Haseley and Ben A. Stankewicz to the Town Center Commission for three year terms expiring on February 19, 2011.

These appointments do not require confirmation by Council

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH CENTER – Mr. Gallagher: A meeting next Thursday, I will be attending. And in your packet, once again, we had the list of delegates for the Annual Meeting. Hopefully, everybody's gone over this and we will hopefully approve those at the end of the meeting this evening. That's all I have; any questions?

(None)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Roth: Yes, there will be a report after -- following the next School Board meeting.

Mr. Gallagher – And, also, I went to the School Board Work Session, I don't recall the date, but I was there.

(Tape malfunction)

Mr. Gallagher - ...Is that there's a lot of crossover with the City and the Schools and I think this is an opportune time for us to pool our resources. For instance, the one thing that was reinstated was the television was reinstated for the rest of the year at a nominal cost, and I was thinking maybe Mr. Bedford, who I think started that television station, would be a great help, if needed, from the Schools to maybe offset those costs or expand the information and the skills that the students experience. If we can be of help, we certainly are here for you. Also, a common theme throughout the evening was a concern that the Schools were spending too much money and that the public might think that they have a lot of money and we better be careful. I think just the opposite; I think you're doing the right thing, the things that you chose to spend money on that evening were important things that ultimately are going to save money; to spend money to save money, while it might not look great is fantastic to the taxpayer. And I would encourage the School Board to continue to do that in their practices, in their work sessions like that. Once again, I appreciate all the information that I did receive and will continue to go to those work sessions. That's all I have; if you have any questions.

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Gallagher: I don't have anything on legislation this evening, but I'll answer any questions. No questions?

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski: Yes, Public Service had one Ordinance, 2008-041, which is a contract for ready-mix concrete, and the recommendation is suspension and adoption. And that's the only thing on the agenda this evening.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. Kaminski. Any questions for Mr. Kaminski?

(None)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you very much. There's nothing before this committee tonight. As our Finance Committee unveils the budget for this year and a few months into next year, we will know exactly the direction of Public Safety and Health. I will reserve the right, after the budget meeting that Mr. Coyne's going to be calling shortly, to have a special meeting on Public Safety and Health. I really encourage all of Council, since health is a new portion of Public Safety, to jot down some of their ideas, and the public, if you would like to jot down some ideas or please call me, that would be great; we are putting a new avenue, if you will, on this main street of Public Safety. So I would appreciate all the help from the residents and from Council members and, of course, any of the directors. But other than that, I'll close the committee if it's okay with the Council President.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. DeMio. Questions for Mr. DeMio?

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Haseley: Thank you, Mr. Gallagher. Planning, Zoning and Engineering met this evening to discuss Ordinances 2008-022 and 2008-037. Number 22, it was decided to place on second reading, set for a public hearing on 4-7-08, and back to committee. Ordinance 037, place on second reading and refer back to committee. I'll field 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, we have determined March 11th to be our Finance hearing, it will start at 6:30 p.m. and hopefully we will not have to go any more than one evening; so bring your troubles, I think it's going to be a long evening. I'd like to thank Mr. Batke, the directors and the Mayor for preparing an excellent budget; it's easy, very well organized and easy to follow, and we're tight this year, but I think we're going to be able to deliver the same quality services that the residents of the City are used to and we look forward to the Finance hearing.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Mr. Coyne (cont'd): And, as I stated in the caucus, if you have any questions you can contact me as the Chairman; if you have any specific questions I would encourage you to contact the directors. And that's all I have this evening, Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. Coyne. Any questions for Mr. Coyne regarding Finance?

(None)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Daymut: Thank you, Mr. Gallagher. We did meet briefly this evening; we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda.

I'd like to announce our next meeting will be next Monday, February 25th, at 7 p.m. here in Council Chambers.

We did discuss, also, our breakfast meeting which will be held Thursday, February 28th, at 7 p.m. at the Rec Center. If you have not had the opportunity to respond to the invitation, please do so by the end of next week. We'd like to thank again PSE Credit Union for sponsoring that particular breakfast and, once again, announce that our speaker will be Vic Gregovits, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the Cleveland Indians, and his topic will be the regional impact of the Cleveland Indians and a preview of the 2008 season. So if at all you can make that meeting, it would be appreciated.

We also discussed in caucus what direction the technology aspect of our committee will take. I'd like to thank Mr. Gallagher for the suggestions he's already given me; I look forward to other councilmen contacting me, and we will meet in the next few weeks to go over some of the suggestions that have been made to make sure that the technology end of the City of Strongsville is addressed. And I believe that's all I have this evening, Mr. Gallagher; thank you very much.

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

Mr. Haseley – Yes, Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. Haseley.

Mr. Haseley – Michael, I believe you misspoke; it's 7 a.m., not p.m.

Mr. Daymut – Oh, you mean the breakfast meeting.

Mr. Haseley – Yeah.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Haseley and Mr. Gallagher. I got my sevens – 7 p.m. for the committee meeting next Monday; 7 a.m. for the breakfast meeting. I tend to enjoy breakfast in the evening, too.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY (cont'd):

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you very much.

Mr. DeMio – I have one...

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. DeMio.

Mr. DeMio – One brief – and this is a mountain, Michael, and good luck, and maybe Mr. Bedford, with the approval of the Mayor. AT&T does not carry our great Council and School Board meetings, so maybe we can look into that.

Mayor Perciak – John will check into that.

Mr. DeMio – Let's see if that's something they're waiting to do, so.

Mr. Gallagher – We will do that. Any other questions for Mr....

Mr. Daymut – Mr. Gallagher. Mr. DeMio, thank you very much and I think this has just brought to light what our state legislatures have done to us...

Mr. DeMio – I know, that's just one.

Mr. Daymut - ...with taking away the franchise agreements. I'm very disappointed and I would hope that somehow they would revisit that and take into account the residents that they do represent to make sure that government is open as possible, as we try to do here by having our meetings televised live. Thank you, Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. Daymut.

(None)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Roth: Thank you. We had a meeting on Friday, February 8th in the conference room over at the Service Center to discuss many topics. I'd like to thank my committee members who were there and Mr. Daymut for his appearance, and we had a lot of discussion. First topic was new street lights; that was placed on hold. First reason why it was placed on hold is we don't know if the area in general wants it and we don't know if the association wants it and we don't even know if the people or the house where the lights would be specifically located want it. Also, it's put on hold because there has to be consistency. In the last two years, like I mentioned, in Westwood Farms the association came before me with some members requesting of me new street lights at key intersections in that subdivision, and even though Parkview had run the wiring in the street easement we were told it's not in the budget and we did not proceed at that time for any new street lights in Westwood Farms. So the committee as a whole said that we just have to have consistency here. One part of town can't have carte blanche on as many street lights as they want and the others, there's none in the budget, no money in the budget for it and you can't have that. Street light outages, they're all over town and if you don't think so, it's really true because a lot of the outages are temporary; the street lights are cutting out on thermal outages all the time.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Roth (cont'd): They'll be on, they reach a certain temperature, they go off. That's not effective, that's not safe. It's been reported by myself and many other councilmen and this maintenance area for First Energy is not happening adequately, in our estimation.

Power outages continue. Came home from (unintelligible) Virginia and had messages on my machine, and I just had to look at also my clock. More power outages in Ward 3 this weekend, so that continues. The utilities as a whole are abdicating more and more of their responsibility – main lines, main feeds to the homes are now the homeowner's responsibility; that's wrong. For decades we've been paying them to maintain these lines and this system. So now all of a sudden the feeds and the gas lines and the main feeds and the electric feeds are our responsibility on our property? It's a shame. But, also, the poles and bulbs are their responsibility, as well as the transformers and it's just not being kept up with appropriately. And more and more of the responsibility being dumped on the individual resident, and that is wrong. And that's even curtailed into pole painting; a lot of the poles in town are mess, chipped and peeling, and so who do you think the responsibility is, it's falling on us because they're not out there maintaining their poles. You know, they were paid and the agreement was they were to maintain the system, we would pay for the operation, but they would install it and maintain it and that's not happening.

And finally, just wanted to make sure that we ask, in regard to the new car rental business on Pearl in my ward, I want to – We've had for many, many years a density problem on that lot, the residents immediately adjacent to that lot on Pearl, between Adams and Broxton, have complained that that's been a junkyard there and I'm really fearful that of all operations, a car rental operation? They're going to get the density of vehicles next to their homes that they've always feared and have been trying to stop. And that's all I have, Mr. Gallagher.

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

Mr. DeMio – Mike...

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. DeMio.

Mr. DeMio – Maybe it's for you. I just – because you're the ward councilman – I still have yet to receive exactly, exactly, exactly the decision on Ranchwood with lights.

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. Roth, I believe that was brought up during your committee meeting.

Mr. Roth – Yeah. It's on hold, for the two reasons I gave.

Mr. DeMio – Well, even though it was voted on two years ago and three years ago, we approved it, I still don't understand why it isn't going forward.

Mr. Gallagher – I talked to Jennifer today, Joe, and the concern is there's really not a consensus, they want to get a consensus from the neighborhood.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

BUILDING AND UTILITIES (cont'd):

Mr. Roth – They did, that was submitted by the president of the association, as well as the vice pres – Mr. Coyne helped me with that, this was done.

Mr. Gallagher – Right. Well, the problem is, is that we're trying – Mr. Roth's committee is trying to develop a template in which to do this...

Mr. DeMio – Well...

Mr. Gallagher - ...and they just want to go back and make sure it's all right with them and then they're going to go forward with them.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, what...

Mr. Gallagher – So it's not held off, they're just – they're going to go back and check with everybody to make sure it's okay and then go forward, if it's okay.

Mr. Roth – Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. Roth.

Mr. Roth – Let me clarify it again. First we were told at the meeting that only one person asked for the lights.

Mr. DeMio – Well, right. The...

Mr. Roth – Not an association group or...

Mr. DeMio – The president of the association asked for it, which happens to be the one person.

Mr. Roth – And nothing in black and white; there was no petition, there was no letter.

Mr. DeMio – So the statement that the documents were lost is not accurate, then.

Mr. Roth – I'm just telling you, Mr. DeMio, what was told to my committee, that one person asked for these lights.

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. DeMio, what – Do me a favor and talk with...

Mr. DeMio – Let me just – let me go back. You know, I hate to do this out here, but I'm going to be a little more clear. You know, during football season that is an extremely dark street; the kids, the adults walk on Ranchwood, it's only about three hundred feet. Mike, you even helped me get the street shut down when we had the problem when we first had the stadium there. So we're doing an awful lot of work for a very simplistic solution that has already been done. So if it isn't for one person, even though that is the president of the association, do it for the safety reason to put the light out.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

BUILDING AND UTILITIES (cont'd):

Mr. Roth – Okay, and then that leads us, Mr. DeMio, to the second reason, is all of the councilmen have made requests and we just want to make sure that the same response is given to all councilmen.

Mr. Gallagher – And in the situation with Ranchwood, it's going to happen, they just want to go back, it's been two years, they want to make sure everybody's on board.

Mr. DeMio – I'll be glad to walk the subdivision, pay the mailing, get a response by the next council meeting, if somebody would give me a document in which to provide; the director, the associate director, the Mayor, Council President, I don't care, I just want it done.

Mr. Gallagher – I'll talk to you tomorrow on that, Joe, and I'll get you that information and we'll make sure it gets done. Okay? Any other questions for Mr. Roth?

(None)

COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE - Mr. Gallagher: Council-As-A-Whole, we have Ordinance 2008-42 and 43, both recommendations of suspension and adoption, and, also, we have Resolution 2008-44, also recommendation for suspension and adoption as Council-As-A-Whole. Are there any questions regarding those?

(None)

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you, Mr. President; just a few items this evening. First of all, I'm happy to report that our Fire Department moved into their new headquarters station a week or so ago and we will have a public grand opening sometime in the month of May after we finish up a few last minute things there and get the rest of the landscaping in on the exterior, so look for a public open house there sometime in the month of May.

Secondly, Mr. President, I'll be delivering my State of the City address on Tuesday, March 18th, at the Ehrnfelt Event Center, it's going to be again sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, so anyone wishing to attend should contact the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce and they'll have all the pertinent information, or please contact my office, or it will be on the website with all the information there and if there are any questions, feel free to call me or please pull up our website and all the details will be there.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK (cont'd): The third thing I have this evening, Mr. President; we're going to be holding our first meeting again of our Charter Review Committee for the second term; that will be held on Monday, February 25th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Office, in the Mayor's Conference Room there. So, again, the organizational meeting for our Charter Review Committee, and it will be posted effective tomorrow I think, or soon thereafter, and at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

And lastly, yesterday was President's Day, but Governor Strickland was in town and I had the opportunity to meet with him and talk with him on several items. And I have to say that the Governor has been nothing but good and responsive to the City of Strongsville, and we had a deep conversation about the economy and where the economy is going and what we're doing here in our community, and we also discussed a bond issue that the Governor would like to see placed on the ballot, I don't know if it's the November ballot or when, but very interesting as to how he hopes to create jobs here in the State of Ohio. And my whole objective was to make certain that the City of Strongsville was well represented there and that our interests would be protected as to – should this bond issue pass, as to how it would affect us here in the City of Strongsville. So again, I'd like to thank the Governor and his staff for allowing me some time because we're always proud to talk about our City and where our City is going, and I must say the Governor was more than receptive and I wish to thank him publicly. That's the end of my report.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mayor. Questions for the Mayor?

(None)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Batke: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Funds will be made available for all of the ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding and up for adoption. Thank you.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, sir; any questions for Mr. Batke?

(None)

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. Batke, I'd like to personally thank you and your staff for the budget. Once again, a very nice job, very informative; and your group is always helpful, I appreciate that.

Mr. Batke – Thank you, Mr. President, I'll make sure to extend that to all the members, I think they did a great job, too.

Mr. Gallagher – Please do.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus: Yes, Mr. President. All resolutions and ordinances on the agenda this evening are in proper legal form.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus (cont'd): Beyond that, I'd like to report that in the case of Leonard Lee Archibald, the case that was pending in the Common Pleas Court against the City and the City's Police Department, that after a pretrial conference that was held last week the plaintiff filed a voluntary notice of dismissal and, based upon that document, the Court of Common Pleas has dismissed that case without prejudice.

And finally, I want to notify Council that the American LaFrance LLC Company, with which the City had contracted for an ambulance, a rescue unit for the Fire Department, has filed in January a bankruptcy petition under Chapter 11 with the United States Bankruptcy Court in Delaware. First of all, I want to assure Council that no funds had been paid with respect to the manufacture of the equipment, we have not yet traded in the unit that we're currently utilizing for which there was a trade-in and, finally, of course we have a performance bond with respect to this matter. Having said all that, of course it will be the United States Bankruptcy Court that is now reviewing all of the pending executory contracts, and there are hundreds of them, with this company to determine which, if any, the Court will order them to proceed with and whether or not the assets of this company will be sold to another corporation in order for that company to complete the contracts. And I will, of course, keep Council and the Mayor apprised of all further developments on this matter from the Bankruptcy Court. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Mr. DeMio – Most certainly.

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. DeMio.

Mr. DeMio – What does that do to the need of our truck, if you will? What are we going to do meanwhile? What's the serviceability of that truck we were going to trade-in?

Mr. Kraus – Right. Mr. President; Councilman, I think I'd discuss that matter with Chief Moody. Chief Moody, Mr. President.

Mr. Gallagher – Chief Moody.

Chief Moody – Mr. Gallagher, Mr. DeMio. The unit that we're planning on trading in is a reserve status unit that has been serviced for the last ten years. It currently is a reserve unit, we use that only when one of our front line units needs to be serviced – normal service routine, service or repair. It is time to retire that vehicle; obviously, that's the one we chose to trade-in. However, that vehicle still operates sufficiently under reserve status. We wouldn't want to put that piece of equipment into everyday status, but it is functioning fine as a reserve unit at this time; however, it is time to replace that. There are other alternatives out there, other fire truck manufacturers, if it would ever come to that, but in the meantime, if this bankruptcy matter is resolved within the next ninety days we should be in good shape. We always try to do a little preplanning and try to replace and rotate these units a little bit ahead of schedule if we can because unforeseen circumstances do crop up like this and the fire truck business in general has been downsizing and there have been a lot of mergers in the last couple years.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT (cont'd):

Chief Moody (cont'd) - Smaller fire truck manufacturers have been going out of business left and right and American LaFrance is not a small fire truck manufacturer, they are one of the largest. But again, they were divested from Daimler Chrysler and within that transfer they ran into some difficulties with software and hardware problems, facility problems and storage problems and that's pretty much put them where they're at today. But, to make a long story short, we're still okay for a short period of time because we did do due diligence and try to plan these purchases and rotation of these vehicles somewhat in advance.

Mr. DeMio – What was the cost of that expenditure, if it would have happened; what budget amount are we talking about?

Chief Moody – For the new vehicle that was bid?

Mr. DeMio – Uh huh.

Chief Moody – I believe it was three hundred and two thousand, four hundred and forty three dollars.

Mr. DeMio – All right, thank you. That's all I have. Thank you.

Mr. Gallagher – Any other questions?

(None)

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Gallagher – We now come to Audience Participation. If there is anyone in the audience that would like to make a statement to Council, you're more than welcome. Before anyone does come up, I viewed a letter that was sent to our councilmen-at-large and the gentleman's concern was that we have a five minute time limit on people speaking and that we're hustling through meetings too quickly, and I just want to assure the public we're here to listen to your concerns, we're not going to shut anybody off. But the purpose of comments to the Council is just that, it's not anything but for you to make your statement, and we will put that on the record and we will take that under advisement. If there are questions or concerns or things that need to be done or things that aren't being done, we need to hear those things, but the best way to do that is to call us personally so we can get on the job immediately, as opposed to waiting for a Council meeting to get on the job, so it saves us time. But certainly you can talk about what you wish to talk about for your five minutes. And I see a young gentleman out there that seems like he might want to come up and talk to Council? No, sir? I can't prod you? Make me look good now? No? All right. Must be a school project.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – No, no, that young man – that young man is not Dave Frazee; you're confused.

Mr. Gallagher – Nor was it Tony Zubek, so; but Mr. Zubek, I think you're a bit senior to the gentleman I was talking to in the audience out there.

Tony Zubek – I did give him some help, though.

Tony Zubek, 16689 Timberline Drive, Strongsville – And to correlate, it is appropriate that the letter came out and you announced that my three hundred seconds were mine to do whatever I wish; thank you very much, Mr. President.

Mr. Gallagher – You're welcome; welcome.

Tony Zubek – Mr. President, Mr. Mayor, Members of Council, Department Heads, Madam Clerk, attendees in the Chamber here and those of you at home watching us. I'm here this evening to discuss that famous radio station, 1640 AM. If you would please, quietly at home while you're with your spouse or closest friends, those of you who are here, so as not to embarrass me, that if you now have on your AM radio station and you live in the City of Strongsville, on one of those magic dials, 1640, just raise your right finger. Not very many people have done that. And that's too bad because this is a (unintelligible) investment on the part of the City. 1640 AM is a low power radio station established by the City, with the blessings of its citizens, designed to be heard within the City limits of Strongsville. And based on a brief phone conversation with Mike Daymut, it operates legislatively under the Economic Development and Technology Committee; they are legislatively responsible for it. 1640 AM is to provide information and urgent information about the City of Strongsville, according to its own repeating message. For whatever reason, starting on February the 11th I started monitoring 1640. I think it was because I saw a sign up that said in case of an emergency these lights are flashing, so turn to 1640. I monitored the station starting in the morning of February 11, 2008 and what I heard through this evening on a regular basis was the announcement that we're located here and if I'm interested in joining the Rec Center I should come to attend the meetings, I think one on Monday and one on Friday afternoon. That was the extent of the broadcast materials heard over a seven plus day period, randomly selected at various times of the day. A well done announcement, but the only thing talked about. If the Administration, including the Police and Fire Departments, want the citizens of Strongsville to get into the habit of tuning into 1640 AM for emergency information, the Administration and Council must get us into the habit of tuning into 1640 for the good news about the City of Strongsville. A regular twenty four hour program information including reports and activities of community organizations, potentially interviews with civic leaders, announcements of issues related to seniors and audio presentations of this Council's meetings might be broadcast on a regular basis. What better way Monday through Friday for those who slowly travel in and out of the City to get to work to spend about seventeen minutes a day listening to the Strongsville news by listening to 1640 AM on their radio dial. Thank you.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. Zubek. Is there anyone else that wishes to speak?

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2008-022 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Haseley. 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 8674 PEARL ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO MS (MOTORIST SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION (PPN'S 395-06-004 AND 395-06-005) AND FROM CS (COMMERCIAL SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION TO MS (MOTORIST SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION (PPN 395-06-006). (Donal J./Marianne Sposit, Owners; Reid Patten, Architectural Design Studios, Inc., Agent. Proposed rental car business.) 1st rdg: 1-22-08. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 2-14-08.

Second reading. Referred to Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee. Public Hearing set for Monday, April 7, 2008.

Ordinance No. 2008-037 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Haseley. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY THE SUBDIVISION AND CONSOLIDATION PLAT OF VAM, LTD. SUBDIVISION, AND FOR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE OF A PORTION OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 396-14-003 AND 396-14-012 LOCATED ON ROYALTON ROAD (US 82) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st rdg: 2-4-08.

Second reading. Referred to Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee.

Ordinance No. 2008-041 by Mr. Kaminski. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF READY MIX CONCRETE FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion for adoption by Mr. Kaminski; second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2008-041 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2008-042 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE MAYOR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT AND MAKING PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE CITY'S FORCE MAIN AT 10290 PEARL ROAD, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2008-042 (cont'd):

Motion for adoption by Mr. Kaminski; second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2008-042 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2008-043 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE TO ENACT NEW SECTIONS 5-327, 5-328, 5-329 AND 5-330 TO ESTABLISH, ALLOCATE AND FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN MAINTENANCE POSITIONS IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion for adoption by Mr. Kaminski; second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2008-043 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2008-044 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REPLACEMENT LEVY, ISSUE NO. 15.

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

Motion for adoption by Mr. DeMio; second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2008-044 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Council approval of delegate list for Annual Meeting of Southwest General Health District.

Motion by Mr. Kaminski, second by Mr. DeMio to approve the delegate list for the Annual Meeting of Southwest General Health District. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was declared adjourned by Council President Gallagher at 8:38 p.m.

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

March 3 2008
Approval Date