

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION HELD ON MARCH 17, 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 **Monday, March 17, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Patrick J. Coyne, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Michael J. Gallagher, Raymond L. Haseley, and Mark A. Roth. Also Present: Clerk of Council Leslie J. Seefried. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, 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.

Absent: Council Member James A. Kaminski.

The following Committees met to review legislation on the agenda:

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Haseley stated an amended version of Ordinance 2008-022 is on the agenda this evening; the amendment will provide for the ordinance to be an emergency measure; the recommendation is to amend by substitution, place on third reading, and refer back to the committee. Mr. Haseley recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2008-062, accepting the plat of Andrus Woods Westwood Farms Subdivision No. 16 for recording purposes only, and for Ordinance 2008-063, authoriaing an easement agreement with AT&T Ohio for the use of property owned by the City at Fire Station No. 2. He also recommended suspension and adoption for Resolutions 2006-064 and 2006-065, both confirming Planning Commission approval of the site plan for the construction and installation of equipment cabinets for AT&T equipment in various locations.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: In lieu of Chairman Kaminski, Mr. DeMio recommended that Ordinance 2008-053, an intergovernmental agreement with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District for recycling purposes, had been revised by the Law Department and the recommendation is to amend by substitution, suspend and adopt as amended. Mr. Roth asked the dollar amount the City pays per month and per year for paper under this contract. Service Director Walker responded that we pay per pickup, \$125 every time. In turn, we get forty times the tonnage on the dumpsters, which contain 20-30 tons.

Mr. DeMio also stated the recommendation is suspension and adoption for Resolution 2008-66, granting permission to repurchase certain certificates for burial rights in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery.

Finance Committee: Chairman Coyne recommended suspension and adoption on the appropriation ordinance, Ordinance 2008-061. He thanked everyone who attended budget hearings and complimented the Finance Department on the budget format and presentation. He stated any questions regarding the budget were addressed during the hearing and if anyone had further questions, they should ask them now and not on the floor. There were no questions.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2008-067, approving the acceptance of financial assistance under the DARE Law Enforcement Grants Program, Ordinance No. 2008-068, authorizing an application for financial assistance with the Ohio Department of Public Safety under the Ohio EMS Grant Program for the purchase of emergency medical equipment and training, and Resolution No. 2008-069, advertising for bids for food service for the jail facility. He also stated that Ordinance No. 2008-071, authorizing the entering into of a lease agreement with Red Brick Ltd. for premises known as Unit B located at 19577 Progress Drive for temporary storage of police vehicles and related items, has been prepared for addition to the agenda this evening. Since this ordinance requires a unanimous vote of Council because it was not publicly bid, the recommendation is to place it on first reading and refer it back to committee. The storage unit is needed while the Police Department facility is being renovated because the existing storage space that houses the vehicles and other items will be demolished during the renovation project. Mr. Roth stated he feels the month to month lease price is very high and wondered if there isn't somewhere less expensive where the vehicles can be stored. He asked if the storage facility is really needed, especially during the summer months, and inquired if the vehicles could be parked outdoors instead of stored indoors. Chief Goss stated the vehicles include the Police Department's motorcycles, bicycles and other vehicles and items that really need to be stored indoors. Mayor Perciak added he was pleased that the storage facility was even offered to the City and that it is necessary.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Chairman Gallagher recommended that Ordinance No. 2008-070 be placed on first reading this evening and referred back to committee since it requires a unanimous vote of Council for adoption. The Ordinance authorizes the entering into of a contract with Sirna & Sons, Inc. for the purchase of produce for use at the Recreation and Senior Center, without public bidding. The Mayor explained that the company that won the contract in 2007, Golden Harvest Produce, went out of business; therefore, it was necessary to enter into a new contract with another company without public bidding in order to provide for the continuity of services, operation and maintenance at the Center, and to conserve public funds. The Law Director added that he sent a letter to Golden Harvest Produce, a copy of which was provided to all members of Council.

Economic Development and Technology Committee: Chairman Daymut stated his committee met on Tuesday, March 4th, at the Communications Center to review and discuss the technology aspect of the committee, including technology issues and needs within the City. Discussion ensued about some of the technology issues, such as being able to access Action Requests via the City's website and the potential for providing Council members with laptop computers, if desired, in the future. The Mayor reported that the Action Request program has been in the works for some time now and it is almost up and running. It will soon be able to be accessed by all City departments and will make the Action Request process much more efficient. At some point the Council members will be able to access the program via computer; each member will be assigned passwords for access to the program. Mr. Kraus spoke briefly about emails as public records. Mr. Daymut stated he will give a more detailed committee report on the floor.

Mr. Daymut discussed some concerns with outside storage issues at the Lowe's store and asked that the Building Commissioner look into this matter.

Councilman DeMio moved to adjourn from open session into executive session [*Article XI, Section 9, City Charter*] for the purpose of discussing legal issues with the Law Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Daymut. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:37 p.m. with the following Council members present: Messrs. Coyne, Daymut, DeMio, Gallagher, Haseley, and Roth. Also present were Mayor Perciak, Law Director Kraus, and Police Chief Goss. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to conclude the Executive Session and reconvene in open session, with the Clerk noting the time as 7:52 p.m.

Councilman Gallagher moved, seconded by Councilman DeMio, to adjourn from open session into executive session [*Article XI, Section 9, City Charter*] for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:53 p.m. with the following Council members present: Messrs. Coyne, Daymut, DeMio, Gallagher, Haseley, and Roth. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to conclude the Executive Session and reconvene in open session, with the Clerk noting the time as 7:58 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STRONGSVILLE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17, 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.

Mr. Gallagher – Good evening and welcome to the Monday, March 17, 2008 Strongsville City Council meeting. Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone out there and I hope you all had a great time today celebrating the Isle of Ireland's Italian patron saint, Saint Patrick.

Mr. DeMio – Well thank you, Mr. Gallagher; I appreciate that.

Mr. Gallagher – We are all one; the world is kind of smaller than we all thought. Anyhow, now we have to figure out the Ireland/Poland's connection, Mayor, and we'll be all set. Leslie, can you certify the posting?

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 Members: Patrick J. Coyne, Joseph C. DeMio, 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; 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.

Absent: Council Member James A. Kaminski.

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

Motion was made by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Coyne to amend the agenda by adding Ordinance 2008-071. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

Mr. Gallagher – Any comments regarding the March 3rd Council minutes that you have hopefully perused?

Mr. DeMio – Yes, I do have one statement, if I could.

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. DeMio.

Mr. DeMio – Just want to let the great Law Director know that the great City of Fairview, the great City of Fairview decided to excuse the Council meeting and move it to the day after St. Patrick's Day, Mr. Kraus, so maybe next year if this happens again you wouldn't have to come all the way from Beachwood and show up on St. Patrick's Day, we can do it the day before, St. Joseph's Day, which is the 19th of January. Just a little footnote there, Mr...

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. DeMio; I somehow connected Ireland with Italy and then up to Poland, and now all we have to do is get over to Israel and we'll all be fine here.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 3, 2008 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

None.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Gallagher: There was no meeting; there is no report this evening. I'll field any questions.

(None)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Roth: There will be a report forthcoming after the next regular School Board meeting.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you. I did attend the last work session, but there was nothing; hopefully, I'm not missing anything, but there didn't seem to be anything of note to us. I hope I'm not missing anything; I lost my notes, I'll be honest with you.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Gallagher: Ordinance 2008—70 will be placed on first read this evening, and that's all before Recreation. Are there any questions?

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski: (Mr. DeMio reported in lieu of Mr. Kaminski): Mr. DeMio - Thank you. On the agenda today we have 2008-053 and Resolution 066; I believe both of those will be suspension and adoption and the committee agreed to go ahead and vote with, of course, the absence of Mr. Kaminski. I will field questions otherwise. I do want to remind Council members that the Mayor had asked if there are potholes or chuck holes, however you want to refer to them, get them to our Law – our Finance – I'm sorry, our Director of...

Mayor Perciak – Service.

Mr. DeMio – Public Service.

Mr. Haseley – Of potholes.

Mr. DeMio – St. Patrick's Day, Mayor; I'm a little slow. And I mention that, I appreciate that from the background over there. But if you can get those to Mr. Walker, that would be great. I know this time of year we get a variety of chuck holes and potholes. That's it.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. DeMio. Anyone have any questions for Mr. DeMio?'

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you. Tonight we do have three pieces of legislation: 2008-067, 068 and 069. 067 is a grant, \$32,632, and Mayor, we thank you for that money and the Chief of Police, to help with our DARE program. We're also applying for a grant downstate from the Attorney General's office for EMS and fire services; that would be great, and a terrific need for that application, I hope we get that. And finally, the other important feeding the folks at the jail, that bid for food services to our local jail is out for advertisement. And the committee met today and agreed to vote on each one of those. Other than that, I'll field questions.

Mr. Gallagher – Any questions for Mr. DeMio?

(None)

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. DeMio.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Haseley: Thank you, Mr. Gallagher. PZE met this evening with the following recommendations: Ordinance 2008-022, amend by substitution, place on third reading and refer back to committee; Ordinance 2008-062, suspend and adopt; Ordinance 2008-063, suspend and adopt; 2008-064 and 065, both AT&T equipment boxes, both suspend and adopt. That concludes my report and I'll field any questions if there are any.

Mr. Gallagher – Questions for Mr. Haseley?

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Coyne: The Finance Committee met this evening to discuss Ordinance 2008-061, that's the 2008 budget appropriations; the recommendation was passage. We did have our budget hearing last Tuesday, I believe it went very well; we went over every aspect of the budget, Council had an opportunity to ask questions and ask them directly to the directors that were present and follow up with them on dialog on issues that might be very important to them. I'm very happy with the budget that's been presented; I think it's going to deliver the same high quality services that the residents are so used to, emphasizing public safety, public service and recreation, among many other of our great services. I'm also very pleased that we'll have money in reserve, which is always very good for a community; it will help us retain our outstanding credit rating and it will keep us poised to make the decisions that we have to make on a daily basis and point towards the future. So, if there are there any questions of me at this time, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

Mr. Gallagher – Questions for Mr. Coyne?

(None)

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. Coyne.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Daymut: Thank you, Mr. Gallagher. Economic Development and Technology briefly met this evening; we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda.

We did meet Tuesday, March 4th, with the emphasis on technology. At that particular meeting we discussed emergency notification, the radio station, our website update, computers, our government channel, the phone system and any issues that we might have enjoined with the schools. I'd like to also mention that our task force for our retail and services survey will meet Wednesday, March 19th, at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center, Dick Pinkerton is the chairman of that particular committee, and that's in joint partnership with the Ohio State Business Retention effort and the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, March 24th, at 7 p.m. here in Council Chambers.

I'd like to also mention, Mr. Gallagher, and I appreciate everyone who attended, that the City did have the 2007 Tax Incentive Review Committee meet on the 14th and made the necessary recommendations for that particular year. 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?

(None)

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Roth: Thank you, Mr. Gallagher. No legislation, just a couple questions and comments within my report. My first question is, something is happening, hopefully positive, on Ordinance 2008-022. The residents in my ward are concerned, as I stated at several caucuses, about addressing the problem of overcrowding that lot with too many vehicles for a small limited area, which gives it that junkyard look, which the people in Big Creek Parkway have had to endure for many years, and they really don't want to see that lot return to that state. So my question is, are we addressing the limitations of vehicles on that lot? Is that why it's being amended and sent back, or could someone just kind of communicate in the next week or so what's developing on that piece of legislation? I'd be really interested to hear.

Also, Ordinance 071 has me concerned. I think it's a large, large, huge sum of money per month. Yeah, we're going to be fixing, doing some work over at the police station, but, you know, we have like eighteen vehicles usually out front at the most by the police station; can't we utilize the parking spaces by the old fire station or, at the very least, utilize the parking lot behind the old library that's not being used on a normal basis, instead of storing these vehicles for a huge sum of money. I mean, I really have a problem with that.

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President, Mr. Roth, and Chief Goss.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Roth (cont'):

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Perciak – I think the rental for that is going to be seventeen hundred dollars a month and it's going to be as long as we are in the process of redeveloping and adding on to this building right here. You've got to remember; right now we have all the garages that are currently attached to the old fire station housing many of the police vehicles and the police things that cannot stand outside. So, once those come down we need a place to house them. This is a month to month lease; matter of fact, I think it's quite reasonable and I'm happy that someone came forward to allow us to go on a month to month basis. Chief Goss, did I miss anything there?

Chief Goss – Mayor, I would just add that the vehicles that we need to store inside -- and really that's all we're talking about are ones that cannot be parked outside, they have testing equipment in them that have fluids that can't freeze, our bicycles, our motorcycles – this would be for storage for vehicles that are presently under roof and really have to remain under roof.

Mayor Perciak – That's the deal.

Mr. Roth – How many vehicles do we have like that? With the summer months approaching, Chief, how many vehicles do we have like that, that we need to rent a giant warehouse for seventeen hundred a month?

Mr. Gallagher – Mark, let me help you out. That's going back to Planning with Mr. Haseley; I think that's where all this is going to be ferreted out, so if you'd talk to Mr. Haseley...

Mr. Roth – Fine. I'm just kind of proposing the question.

Mr. Gallagher – Yeah, it's a good question and I think that's where the answer is going to come from is when they get done at Planning. Also, on 071, we're going to kick that back to Safety again with Joe, so if you'd get together with Joe or come to the Safety meeting, we'll be taking care of that; Mr. DeMio, correct?

Mr. DeMio - Yes, it was added on today. Once the Mayor and I and the Chief talk, with the direction of maybe the length that's going to be, we'll...

Mr. Roth – Okay; if you can just kind of let me know how many vehicles, how much space do we need; it's an awful lot of money. Anyways, and my final statement is that, you know, for solicitation; you know, we do have laws on the books for solicitation and without a permit and after dusk it's illegal; call the police. Okay, that's all I have, Mr. Gallagher.

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

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE - Mr. Gallagher: Ordinance 2008-071, which we were just discussing, we're going to put that on first reading and put it back into the Safety Committee with Mr. DeMio. And that's all I have for Council as a whole. Questions?

Mr. DeMio – Just – and I apologize; I should have done this earlier. There are two people I just want to recognize for a minute that have passed away, and very helpful to our community; Juanita Constantine and Lillian Jacobs, folks who worked at the Rec Center, former employees of the City with Mrs. Constantino passed away; and Lillian Jacobs, who, Ron Schroth's grandmother. Just a moment there of thought for those two families; even though the services were last week, I'd appreciate just a moment.

Mr. Gallagher – Can we have a moment, please?

(A moment of silence was observed by the assembly in honor of Mrs. Constantino and Mrs. Jacobs.)

Mr. DeMio – Thank you, Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, and condolences to the families.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you, Mr. President; two items this evening. First of all, to summarize very briefly, I will be delivering the State of the City address tomorrow at noon at the Event Center, at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Event Center. So anyone interested in coming, it will pretty much summarize and tell you everything that's going on in the City in the past year and where we plan on going in the year 2008. There will be additional chairs available if you do not want to join us for lunch. The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event; as of today, I've been told that there are three hundred planning to attend tomorrow's luncheon, so but we will have extra chairs set up and I will try to detail for you tomorrow exactly where we hope our City is going to go in the year 2008. I also will be addressing our economic issues, I will also be addressing how we plan to attack the economic issues tomorrow; it is really a hot topic, as most of us continue to follow the presidential campaign, they have been talking about the economy and jobs and jobs. Well, we started talking about that about four and a half, five years ago and we're going to continue that discussion tomorrow afternoon.

And lastly, I would just like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very happy Easter this weekend. We mark Easter very early; for the first time that I can remember in my lifetime that we're going to celebrate Easter on March 23rd. So to all of you here and to all of you at home, on behalf of all of us up here, we wish you a happy, blessed Easter. That ends my report.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mayor. Any questions for Mayor Perciak?

(None)

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Batke: Absent.

Mr. Gallagher – Mr. Batke, not being with us this evening, I have in my hands a memo to myself and I'm instructed to read what Mr. Batke has familiarly said to us in each and every meeting I have ever been to and that is: Funds will be made available for all of the ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding and scheduled for adoption. Signed, Donald C. Batke.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus: Yes, with respect to the Law Department, first of all, all ordinances and resolutions this evening are in proper legal form.

I would also like to report that the City's Charter Review Committee met last Monday evening at seven o'clock p.m. Mr. Batke, our Finance Director, addressed the committee with respect to financial sections of the Charter, Articles V and VI. The Charter Review Committee will be meeting again next Monday evening, March 24th, at seven o'clock p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room. We will be discussing the Civil Service provisions of the Charter, in Article IV, Section 7, and we've invited our Police Chief and our Fire Chief, who will be there to address the Charter Review Committee with their input. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Gallagher – This is Audience Participation time, where we set aside time for the residents of Strongsville to come make a statement to Council, and if there is anyone out there ready, willing and able to come on up; Mr. Vassil, I see you not only signed in, but... Welcome; good to see you.

Mr. DeMio – Mr. Vassil, before you start; I really think you should do the imitation of Mr. Batke, Mr. Gallagher, before you...

Mr. Gallagher – I can't do it, I just – I wouldn't do it justice. Mr. Vassil, welcome.

Bill Vassil, 18271 Fox Hollow Drive, Strongsville – Bill Vassil, 18271 Fox Hollow Drive. I've got a slight complaint. You know we had a big snowstorm and we got a lot of snow and there are a lot of people that are under the program to get their driveways plowed. I have one on my street who is a World War II Prisoner of War, Wake Island survivor -- there isn't very many of those, they're in their eighties – and Sunday I had to take my little snow blower and make a path through a five foot drift on their driveway. Monday morning I called and asked why we weren't plowing drives on Sunday, the answer is 'we don't do them on weekends.' Well, there should be an exception to the rule when we get this much snow. You can always change hours around.

Mayor Perciak – I don't know who they spoke with and why that answer was given, but that is the furthest thing from the truth. There wasn't manpower; there wasn't manpower to plow driveways either Saturday or Sunday.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) - Matter of fact, we called in additional manpower to get our streets open so that we could have the streets open and ready for school on Monday. Mr. Walker, if you'd care to proceed on this very quickly so that we can put this to rest right now.

Bill Vassil – Well, I just want to say I'm not, you know, really nuts about this, except I know Chief Moody, if he had to bring his rescue squad in there and somebody had a heart attack, by the time they got them out -- I mean, trying to trudge through that snow. It was lucky I got the snow blower, it's only twenty one inches wide, and it took me forty five minutes just to make a small path up to the garage so that if they had to walk in or walk out, they could walk out. And then, you know, then I went through Middleburg Heights and they're plowing driveways.

Mr. Walker – We did – Mr. Mayor, if I could respond. We did respond to several medical driveways over the weekend, as our police dispatch contacted us, Mr. Vassil, we did go out and plow those driveways that were medical. We did lead our EMS squad, we were being dispatched with every EMS call with a large truck and a small truck so that we wouldn't have the circumstances that you just brought up. So we were out in front on those. The standard driveways, you know, where there wasn't a medical emergency or where the folks didn't have a doctor's appointment or Meals on Wheels or something like that, we started those first thing Monday morning.

Bill Vassil – Well, they got their driveway plowed about three o'clock in the afternoon on Monday.

Mr. Walker – Right.

Bill Vassil – Luckily, nothing happened.

Mr. Walker – Right.

Bill Vassil – I mean, if they would have called -- I didn't know that you had backup to the Fire Department, if I would have known that, I would have just kept my mouth shut.

Mr. Walker – Then if there were any emergencies, which we did have some, or we did have folks that had to get out to get medication or whatever, we certainly did respond immediately to those and plow them over the weekend.

Bill Vassil – I just don't want to see anybody, you know, especially they're older than me, so, you know.

Mr. Walker – That's got to be pretty old.

Bill Vassil – That's right. That's right. That's right. I have a little question, or hope that what I say now is taken in the right context. VFW over on Strongsville Boulevard is now building – or getting ready to build a Veteran's Memorial. It's beautiful. They're looking for donations and any veteran, anybody, any business, anybody that wants to donate to this, it is going to be gorgeous when they put it up.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Bill Vassil (cont'd) -This is one of the few posts in this area or – I don't go any further than Medina – but these people, with the profits they make, donated an average of ten thousand dollars a month to charity or different things or scholarships or whatever. And it's a great organization and I hope that whoever is listening, if they're interested, call the VFW and you'll get all the particulars. Thank you.

Mr. Gallagher – Thank you, Mr. Vassil. Is there anyone else wishing to speak to Council?

Russ Smith, 9898 Lakeview Circle, Strongsville – Hi; real quick. My name is Russ Smith; I live at 9898 Lakeview Circle, Ward One. I attended Tuesday's budget meeting, it was very interesting. I wanted to ask, I spoke with Mr. Batke briefly, I asked if he could put 2007 and 2008 budgets on the website, just so the public could just see.

Mr. Gallagher – We're working on 2008; I can't answer you, 2007. But if you would wait until after the meeting and we can talk with Mr. Bedford and the Mayor, we can give you that answer.

Russ Smith – All right.

Mr. Gallagher – Okay?

Russ Smith – Thanks.

Mr. Gallagher – Anyone else wishing to speak to Council?

(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. 2nd rdg: 2-19-08. Public Hearing: 4-7-08.

Motion by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Coyne, to amend the Ordinance by substitution. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. (*The amendment added an emergency clause to the Ordinance*)

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2008-053 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR RECYCLING OF CERTAIN ITEMS COLLECTED WITHIN OR BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st rdg: 3-3-08.

Motion by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Coyne, to amend by substitution with a revised version of the Ordinance. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. (The amendment added the words, "through drop-off containers." at the end of Section 1, and also amended Exhibit 1 t accordingly.)

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

Motion by Mr. DeMio to adopt as amended, second by Mr. Coyne.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2008-053 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2008-061 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2008 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-261.

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on 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: DeMio, Gallagher, Haseley, Daymut, Coyne.
Nays: Roth.
Motion carries.**

Ordinance No. 2008-061 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2008-062 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Haseley. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY THE PLAT OF ANDRUS WOODS WESTWOOD FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 16 IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on 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. 2008-062 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2008-063 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Haseley. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA AT&T OHIO FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY AT FIRE STATION NO. 2 AT DRAKE AND HOWE ROADS IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on 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. 2008-063 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2008-064 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Haseley. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF AN ABOVE-GROUND EQUIPMENT CABINET AND CEMENT PAD IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED NEAR 18609 ROYALTON ROAD AND 13821 PEARLVIEW DRIVE IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on 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: DeMio, Gallagher, Haseley, Daymut, Coyne.
Nays: Roth.
Motion carries.**

Resolution No. 2008-064 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2008-065 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Haseley. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF AN ABOVE-GROUND EQUIPMENT CABINET AND CEMENT PAD IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT 10046 HUNTINGTON PARKWAY IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on 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: Haseley, Daymut, Coyne, DeMio, Gallagher.
Nays: Roth.
Motion carries.**

Resolution No. 2008-065 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2008-066 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Kaminski. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO REPURCHASE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY. (Bennett)

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on 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. 2008-066 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2008-067 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION ("DARE") LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on 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. 2008-067 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2008-068 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UNDER THE OHIO EMS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on 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. 2008-068 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2008-069 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FOOD SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE JAIL FACILITY.

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on 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. 2008-069 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2008-070 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PRODUCE FOR USE AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading. Referred to Recreation and Community Services Committee.

Ordinance No. 2008-071 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RED BRICK LTD. FOR PREMISES KNOWN AS UNIT B LOCATED AT 19577 PROGRESS DRIVE IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO FOR PURPOSES OF TEMPORARY STORAGE OF POLICE VEHICLES AND RELATED ITEMS, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading. Referred to Public Safety and Health Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Liquor Permit – STCK – D1-D2-D3-D3A-D6 – To: Franklin's Strongsville Grill & Bar LLC, DBA ***BW 3 Buffalo Wild Wings***, 8465 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 03/31/2008)

There were no objections by Council to the above application.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting was declared adjourned by Council President Gallagher at 8:35 p.m.

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

April 7, 2008
Approval Date