SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY JUNE 5, 2017.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday**, *June 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.*

Present: Council Members: Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Matthew A. Schonhut, Duke Southworth, Gordon C. Short, Kenneth M. Dooner and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Council President Dooner called the caucus to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following Council Committees met to review legislation on the agenda:

Mr. Dooner advised council he would like a future Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the Puzzitiello/Parkview Homes rezoning. Due to scheduling conflicts, it will be tentatively scheduled sometime in September.

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Daymut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-093; an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Middleburg Heights and Parma Heights for resurfacing a portion of Pearl Road between the Ohio Turnpike Bridge and Snow Road. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-094. This is an ordinance authorizing the mayor to accept an easement for storm sewer system purposes from Pearl East Park Home Owner's Association in connection with the Cherry Stone Drainage Project. Ordinance No. 2017-095 is a change order to increase the contract price with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in connection with the Cherry Stone Drainage Project. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation. All seven votes of council are required to pass this legislation because it is without public bidding. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-096; an easement for storm sewer system (culvert) purposes from the Abequien Family Trust in connection with the Courtland Drive Culvert Replacement Project. Resolution No. 2017-097 is authorizing the mayor to advertise for bids for the Bowman Drive, Drake Road and Fetzer Drive Sanitary Sewer Project. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that resolution. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2017-098; a resolution rejecting all bids submitted for the Priem Road South Sanitary Sewer Project and to re-advertise for bids. Mr. Daymut advised the bids came above the 10% threshold. Mr. DeMio asked if the city accepts the bid the second time around, when the project would start. Mr. Mikula anticipates if that were to happen, the project would be awarded in July and it could start approximately a month after that. With the asphalt repair work involved, it could take potentially till next spring to complete.

<u>Public Safety and Health Committee:</u> Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-099; an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus units for use by the fire department. Chief Draves advised they have a new fire engine and this is equipment to go with that unit. The current equipment is 20-25 years old. There was one bid and the funds will come out of the emergency vehicle fund and the fire levy fund for the remaining balance.

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<u>Finance Committee:</u> Chairman Short advised Ordinance No. 2017-100 is to enter into an agreement with a firm of CPA's foo prepare financial statements for the city for Fiscal Years 2017, 2018 and 2019, without public bidding. Suspension and adoption was recommended and all seven votes of council are required for this legislation to pass. The agreement is with James G. Zupka C.P.A., Inc. Mr. Short advised he did a background check with the State regarding this firm and they are a reputable company who have been working with Strongsville for 10+ years. Mr. Dubovec advised this agreement coincides the timeframe the city is under because the Auditors Office likes to do the audit the first of the year. He also advised there are few C.P.A firms that want to do this type of work.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised there are no ordinances or resolutions in his committee this evening. He will give a report of the May 22nd committee meeting on the floor of the council meeting. The next meeting will be June 26th. Mr. Daymut advised Mr. Painter and himself attended a workshop by SouthPark Center concerning potential future community events. He will give a full report of that to the committee at the June 26th meeting. Mayor Perciak asked who was in attendance. Mr. Painter advised he would provide a list to the Mayor.

Mr. Schonhut inquired about the master plan and the status of the grant. Mr. Painter, Mr. Jamison and he had lunch with George Smerigan (City Planner) and Mr. Coyne from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. At that time, Mr. Smerigan had advised he had interns from the Commission in to be introduced to our municipality. Mr. Painter and Mr. Smerigan spoke last Friday to review dates for upcoming discussions. Mr. Painter was advised the beginning process of this will be slow research by the Planning Commission. Mr. Schonhut asked to be advised of future updates.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 5, 2017 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dooner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Matthew A. Schonhut, Duke Southworth, Gordon C. Short, Kenneth M. Dooner and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 15, 2017 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Presentation by the Strongsville St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus:

At this time, the Strongsville St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus presented the following awards:

- > 2017 Firefighter of the Year: Lt. Charles A. Zerman
- > 2017 Police Officer of the Year: Ptl. Jeffrey Steving
- > 2017 Dispatcher of the Year: Rebecca M. Naymik
- > 2017 Dispatcher of the Year: Jodi A. Fyffe

Presentation of 2016 Strongsville Police Department recognition awards:

At this time, the Strongsville St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus presented the following awards:

- Sgt. Brian Sloan Blue Collar
- > Sgt. Marcello Marsala Prosecutors
- > Dispatcher Somer Oliva Professionalism
- > Ptl. Michael Mendise Quality Service
- > Ptl. Brian Vina Compassion
- > Robert "RJ" Saponari Citizen

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Dooner: On May 23rd, Strongsville Board of Education approved new contracts for district leadership with Superintendent Cameron Ryba and Treasurer George Anagnostou receiving 5 year contracts which is great for these guys. They've done a great job in the system and just continuing to do a great job. Also announced was Strongsville hired from North Royalton Joe Guilfoyle as the varsity boys' basketball coach. Besides anything else that was going on, that was the most exciting part of the whole meeting, wasn't it Jane?

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Carbone: Yes, the nominating committee approved an appointment of system officers. The chairman reported the appointment of William Gary, Kenneth Semelsberger and Thomas Wynne to the Health Center Board University. Southwest was awarded the Gold Plus Award for heart and valve. That is the highest rating. Then they revealed their strategic plan for 2017-2020. Some things they talked about were shared fundraising goals with hospital executive teams and more education for employees; then also looking at doing more initiatives for donations for new donor acquisitions, donor retention, target major gift donors, and corporate foundation grants. That concludes my report.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:

^{*} See Communications and Technology Committee below *

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Dooner. I have nothing to report for Building & Utilities nor Communications & Technology other than we're going to show Joe how to put his phone on silent for technology here...

(Laughter)

Mr. Schonhut – I do want to just give a quick shout-out though to our varsity baseball team at the high school who made it all the way to the State finals game and just fell short of bringing that championship home; but nonetheless, a very impressive run. Congratulations to those guys for all they accomplished; especially sticking with it after many of their friends were wrapped up with school for the year and they kept coming back and practicing and battling hard and made it much further than Benedictine did I believe.

Mayor Perciak - Yes they did.

Mr. Schonhut – There you go; so, a big shout-out to the baseball team. With that, I will close both committees unless anybody has any questions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I'll give a short report of our meeting of Monday, May 22nd. We finalized our next business network breakfast meeting. It will be September 21st. Our speaker will be Brian Zimmerman, Cleveland Metroparks Chief Executive Officer. We are still in the process of receiving innovation or community service awards for that particular meeting. We received a tech committee report from Ed Oliveros. I'd like to report to the council that the residential survey is proceeding. There's going to be a meeting by the Chairman, Dr. Pinkerton on June 13th. We'll have more information after that. The retail committee...we did meet and finalized our membership with that. We'll set up a meeting in the near future of that subcommittee. We discussed the proposed zoning change from general industrial to single family detached cluster at Prospect Road between Drake Road and Boston Road. We're going to wait for further information from council and from the administration when we have the ability to have a meeting on that. Our next business expo will be on Thursday, November 9th, and I understand Bill Wills is able to make that particular event and be our emcee. We just received an update on our businesses here in the City of Strongsville. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the recreation center. I would like to also note that Mr. Painter and I were able to attend a meeting this evening with SouthPark Center, our mall here. They had the meeting with the tenants, basically to enhance the SouthPark experience and address some of the issues that are on a national level here with the malls. As soon as we have the opportunity to address our committee, at the June 26th meeting, I'll report back to council on that. That's all I have this evening Mr. Dooner, thank you.

Mr. Dooner - Thank you, Mr. Daymut.

FINANCE – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have one ordinance on tonight's agenda, Ordinance No. 2017-100; which is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with an independent CPA firm to prepare the financial statements for the City of Strongsville for Fiscal Years 2017, 2018 and 2019. That is without public bidding so the recommendation there is to suspend and adopt and we will need all 7 (votes). That concludes my report. I too want to congratulate the baseball team for an outstanding season; especially Parker Shannon, who had a great game in the semi-finals. He's a fine young man who is a resident of my ward who I met back in 2015. I wish him well and congratulations as he moves on, but a great way to end his baseball career.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE - Mr. Short (cont'd):

Mr. Schonhut – They're pretty impressive. They have a batting cage set up in their backyard actually. He puts in the work; that's for sure...he's impressive.

Mr. Short – Yes, so I'll happily take any questions.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, Planning, Zoning and Engineering met this evening. We gave favorable recommendation and asked for suspension and adoption of the following ordinances and resolutions. Ordinance No. 2017-093 is a cooperation agreement between Middleburg Heights and Parma Heights for resurfacing Pearl Road from our Turnpike here in the City of Strongsville to just south of Pearl Road. Ordinance No. 2017-094 is to accept a grant of easement for storm sewer easement purposes from Pearl East Park Home Owners Association for the Cherry Stone Drainage Project. Ordinance No. 2017-095 is change order no. 3 for an increase in the contract price for Stantec Consulting for the Cherry Stone Drainage Project. Also, Ordinance No. 2017-096 is a storm sewer easement for a culvert from the Abegglen Family Trust for the Courtland Drive Culvert Replacement Project. Resolution No. 2017-097 is to advertise for bids for the Bowman Drive, Drake Road and Fetzer Drive Sanitary Sewer Project. Finally, Resolution No. 2017-098 is rejecting all bids for the Priem Road South Sanitary Sewer Project. That's all I have Mr. Dooner, thank you.

Mr. Dooner - Thank you, Mr. Daymut.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you, we have one ordinance on the agenda tonight. I know our law director corrected me the other day when I said docket; it's still a docket to me Mr. Law Director. Ordinance No. 2017-099-breathing apparatus, \$64,625.00. Once again, this is a bulk from all the emergency funds, emergency funding and the fire levy. Again, this is something that was in the budget. The vision was there ahead of time. We appreciate it and we would like to suspend and adopt that. I just will remind the neighborhoods just be careful this time of year-kids are out, they're a little excited; just be careful. We all know that people get a little excited this time of year and I know that everybody here is very careful about what they do and what they see this time of year so just be especially careful because the kids are out. I'd like to close it otherwise.

Mr. Dooner - Thank you Joe.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: I have no ordinances or resolutions this evening. I want to give a shout-out to Lou Cirino, the new football coach and Walmart. We know the challenges at Prospect and Westwood Road, keeping that CSX property clean. The kids all came together. It was really a neat experience seeing the kids and plus the buy in from the kids with the new head coaches is pretty neat. A couple of the kids that helped out were actually on the track team and they represented Strongsville. They were no. 13 in the State in the 100 meter relay. The great thing there was all those kids were sophomores so they're going to be around for a couple more track seasons. I also wanted to give a shout-out to a local business, Rock Bottom, Ed Lechler. Medina Supply is coming down so if you haven't seen, hopefully there's some good plans in the future for that area. I know over the years we get a lot of complaints there from residents and even prior to me being on council one of those complaints may have even come from me. It's coming down and I've known Ed for pretty much my whole life. I think he'll do something special there so I just wanted to give a shout-out to Ed. That ends my report.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION - Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – Jim, according to my notes, the first person to talk about it was your dad. He would come to the podium.

Mr. Carbone – Yes.

Mr. DeMio – That was one of the things he would talk about.

Mr. Carbone – My dad was the RTA...that was it.

Mr. DeMio - That was the big one, but your dad roamed a lot.

Mr. Carbone - yup, and that ends my report.

Mr. Dooner - Thank you.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I did talk to Bryan privately about this- I would like to do a committee meeting at some point so I'll coordinate with the committee members, Gordon and Jim, about coming up with a mutual day. My vision is very similar to what Bryan and Steve put together last year and just updating that and seeing where we are.

Mayor Perciak – I spoke with Bryan this morning and also updating as to where we are on the locker rooms and everything else and how it's progressing.

Mr. Southworth – Yes, right, so I'll have Aimee try to set up some dates that work for everybody and get that on the calendar as soon as possible. That is all that I have but I'm more than happy to field any questions.

Mr. Dooner - Thanks Duke.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Dooner: We also have no ordinances or resolutions this evening.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK:

(No report)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec: Thank you Mr. President, funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding. That ends my report, thank you.

LAW DEPARTMENT -- Mr. Jamison: Thank you Mr. Dooner. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That concludes my report.

Mr. Dooner - Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Dooner – That brings us to audience participation. I do not believe we have any sign-ins currently. If there is anybody who would like to address council, you have five minutes. Please give your name and address.

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by Mr. DeMio, seconded by Mr. Schonhut, to do a consent agenda under Article III. Section 12 of the Charter.

Mr. DeMio – And I might remind our Law Director who was not our Law Director at the time, the residents overwhelmingly voted for this; so we could do this legally as part of the Charter review. I believe I have a motion Mr. Dooner.

Mr. Short - I'll second.

Mr. DeMio - I already got a second.

Mr. Jamison – There has to be a roll call because two of the items require a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dooner – This ought to be interesting.

Roll call: Ayes: DeMio, Dooner, Southworth, Short, Carbone, Schonhut.
Navs: Daymut.

Motion carries.

Mr. DeMio – So you got to read them all...it's perfect.

Mr. Schonhut – Everybody's confused, nobody knows what's going on.

Mr. Dooner - It has to be unanimous right?

Mr. DeMio - This is the perfect agenda.

Mr. Southworth – You realize that by doing this the meeting is going to be longer because we're going to have this...

Mr. DeMio - We'll still be out.

Mr. Southworth – I don't know.

Mr. Daymut - (unintelligible)

Mr. DeMio – No, we wouldn't do that...yeah, go get cake; we'll have an answer.

Mr. Dooner - Jane knows.

Mr. Jamison – I do know that I believe it is in our Charter that provides for this provision. I wish Mr. DeMio would have enlightened me beforehand, but...

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – You were always good with objections in the courtroom. Immediately, you jumped up; you were awesome so...

Mr. Jamison - Thank you.

Mr. DeMio - We appreciate that.

Mr. Jamison – I will say though that what it will still require is the Clerk will have to read the title of each ordinance and then of each one proposed tonight; and then she will take a motion to suspend for the whole group. That will go through; and then a motion to adopt for the whole group, but the proviso is if it's not unanimous on all of them, then two of them will fail. Do that make sense? Because there's two that require unanimous...

Mr. DeMio – All seven.

Mr. Jamison - All seven.

Mr. DeMio - Correct.

Mr. Jamison - So, I forewarn you that if it's 6-1, those two ordinances will fail.

Mr. Schonhut – Kraus is watching somewhere just cringing.

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – Ken, I believe this is a very intelligent council.

Mr. Dooner – I would hope so.

Ordinance No. 2017-093 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS AND PARMA HEIGHTS FOR RESURFACING OF THE PORTION OF PEARL ROAD BETWEEN THE OHIO TURNPIKE BRIDGE IN STRONGSVILLE TO SOUTH OF SNOW ROAD IN PARMA HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 2017-094 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR STORM SEWER SYSTEM PURPOSES FROM PEARL EAST PARK HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHERRY STONE DRAINAGE PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 2017-095 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHERRY STONE DRAINAGE PROJECT, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2017-096 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR STORM SEWER SYSTEM (CULVERT) PURPOSES FROM THE ABEGGLEN FAMILY TRUST, DATED AUGUST 17, 2012, IN CONNECTION WITH THE COURTLAND DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution No. 2017-097 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BOWMAN DRIVE, DRAKE ROAD AND FETZER DRIVE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution No. 2017-098 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR THE PRIEM ROAD SOUTH SANITARY SEWER PROJECT IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO READVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 2017-099 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) UNITS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 2017-100 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Short. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A FIRM OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES TO PREPARE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017, 2018 AND 2019, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. DeMio to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda; second by Mr. Daymut.

Mr. Jamison – Mr. Chairman, before you take the vote, if I may just clarify for the record, I will say that in Article III, Section 12 of the Charter, it does provide that council may establish a consent agenda provided there had been a previous ordinance passed by this body. My understanding is that (this ordinance) did take place in the past. Essentially then, the suspension requirements are still in play and also the adoption requirements are still in play. Just for the record and for everybody watching or in attendance, our Charter and ordinances do allow for this provision, thank you.

Roll Call: All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Daymut. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

For reasons provided at the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda were placed on first reading.

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COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Dooner adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Aimee Pientka, MMC Clerk of Council June 19, 2017

Date of Approval