

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 01, 2014.

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, December 01, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.***

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Matthew A. Schonhut, J. Scott Maloney, Kenneth M. Dooner and Duke Southworth. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Police Chief James Kobak and Fire Chief Jeff Branic.

Council President Daymut called the caucus to order at 7:31 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning and Engineering: Mr. Maloney advised that Ordinance No. 2014-172, making changes to the city's R1-125 residential districts and cluster developments, will be amended by substitution tonight and then adopted as amended. This amendment is due to a small typo error in the table Section 1252.05 "Schedule of Area Yard and Height Regulations". This ordinance had a public meeting at the last meeting and there were no objections. Ordinance No. 2014-229 is a rezoning ordinance to change the zoning classification of vacant real estate located near Westwood Drive and Olympus Way (Part of PPN 392-30-006) from R1-75 classification to PF classification. This pertains to the middle school project. This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission. Mr. Carbone stated he spoke to Mark Donnelly and there will be a representative at the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2014-230; an ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to approve another change order with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co. for the Pearl Road Widening Project. The increase cost will be \$97,699.05, making a new total project cost of \$7,486,761.00. Mayor Perciak stated this cost is for the asphalt at the top of the hill as well as some additional things needed in that area. Mr. Mikula stated there is an old 24 inch diameter water line that goes right up the road all the way into Brunswick. The city wanted to protect that line before the paving started. Mayor Perciak stated Fabrizi was pouring concrete sidewalks today. Ordinance No. 2014-231 is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a first amendment to site lease agreement with Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for modification of the installation on premises located at 18778 Royalton Road, at the Cleveland water tower. The amendment is to allow for the installation of a backup generator. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2014-232. This is an ordinance approving and authorizing the filing of an application for federal-aid project funding assistance with NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) in connection with the IR71/SR82 Interchange Improvements Ramp B Modifications Project. Mayor Perciak commented that he received a letter from ODOT where they are going to assist us in the widening on the IR71 northbound entrance ramp from 82 eastbound. That ramp will be widened to two lanes. This is due to the presentation by Mr. Mikula and his office to ODOT. ODOT was very receptive to the bottleneck problems in that area. Ordinance No. 2014-233 is to enter into a contract for engineering consulting services for the City-Wide Traffic Signal System Upgrade Project. The contract is with TMS Engineers for \$418,600.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that ordinance.

Mr. Dooner questioned the traffic congestion on the IR71 southbound exit ramp to SR82 westbound. Mayor Perciak stated we already have several lanes there and there will be no more put in.

Finance Committee:

Motion was made by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of November 19, 2014. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2014-220; an ordinance amending the general salary ordinance to establish, allocate, and fix the compensation of the position of aquatics/pool assistant manager, and to fix the compensation of certain salaried and hourly employees. Mr. Dooner also recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2014-234. This is a routine appropriations ordinance.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2014-235; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County for financial assistance under the county's 911 consolidation shared services fund program and in connection with the city's southwest regional emergency dispatch center. The assistance is in the amount of \$234,000.99. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2104-236. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to purchase workstation furniture for the dispatch center. Mayor Perciak stated there is only one company that makes this particular furniture. The cost is \$34,038.00. Mayor Perciak also stated he feels the consolidation of dispatch is moving along very well. The training of the new dispatchers is taking some time. One dispatcher from another city has opted not to come to our dispatch center.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Mr. Southworth recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2014-237, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the purchase of youth sports apparel for use by the recreation department during the 2015 year.

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Daymut announced there will be no committee meeting in December.

****Mr. Daymut noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters with the Law Director. It was so moved by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Dooner to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:46 p.m. Present were all members of council, Mayor Perciak and Law Director Ken Kraus. The executive session concluded at 7:54 p.m. and reconvened back into open session.****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 01, 2014 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Daymut 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: Matthew A. Schonhut, Joseph C. DeMio, Duke Southworth, Michael J. Daymut, J. Scott Maloney, Kenneth M. Dooner and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Police Chief James Kobak, and Fire Chief Jeff Branic.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 17, 2014 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut; there was a meeting on Monday, this past Monday. I was unable to attend. As soon as I get the write-up of what was on the meeting, I will be more than happy to forward that information. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Southworth, any questions for Mr. Southworth this evening?

(None)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes thank you Mr. Daymut, at the last school board meeting the Board approved the recommendation of the facilities development committee to close Zellers Elementary School and Drake Elementary School; Zellers at the end of this year and Drake at the completion of the middle school. Also, they recognized several girls and boys cross country. For state qualifiers for the girls it was Megan Bowman, for the boys it was Cameron Davis, Timothy Doyle, Jacob Papish, Grant Powers, Alex Ruch, Phillip Spronz, and Zachary Zoloty. Also, congratulations to Hannah Keller; she competed in the Miss Teen Ohio USA. Hannah came in fifteenth place out of sixty girls. She earned a \$29,600.00 scholarship. She will be attending Lindenwood University. I didn't know where Lindenwood University was, but it is in St. Charles, Missouri, known for their liberal arts. That is it.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone this evening?

(None)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:

See Communications and Technology Below

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Daymut, Building and Utilities as well as Communications and Technology do not have any items on the agenda tonight, but I will happily take any questions for either committee.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Schonhut, any questions for Mr. Schonhut concerning Building and Utilities or Communications and Technology?

(None)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I would also like to announce there is no meeting in the month of December, we are on recess. Also, you should have received an informational packet concerning a trip that Brent Painter, our Economic Development Director, had made and met with real estate professionals in Chicago, November 18th and 19th. Brent, can you give us a brief overview of what happened at that particular meeting...and how much we appreciate you going up there on our behalf.

Mr. Painter – Thank you Councilmen, Council President Daymut, it was a great trip. I really got to sit down with some very well established real estate folks in Chicago and spread the word about Strongsville; what we have to offer, in case they have any projects that they are looking in the Midwest and Ohio specifically; so they have our name out there. In addition to that, it's a great time to kind of benchmark my department and learn new ideas and what is going on around the country. These are the professionals that we always want to talk with and get into our community because they represent large companies looking at relocating; so not only to sell Strongsville to them, but to have a chance to create a relationship and then learn what they like and what they don't like. It was invaluable and well worth the time.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Painter. That's all I have this evening, any questions for myself this evening?

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Dooner: Thank you Mr. Daymut, before us this evening we have Ordinance No. 2014-220. This is an ordinance amending the general salary and to establish and fix the compensation of the position of the aquatics/pool assistant manager and other employees of the aquatic center. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Then we have Ordinance No. 2014-234. This is an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses for the city. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt also. That is all we have Mr. Daymut.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Dooner, any questions for Mr. Dooner this evening?

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney: Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have six ordinances coming before Council this evening. The first ordinance is Ordinance No. 2014-172. This has been before Council a couple of times already. It was on first reading and referred to Planning Commission. It received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission in September. It had a second reading and a public hearing at our last meeting with no comment coming out of that; so we are ready to amend by substitution this evening to correct a minor typo in one of the tables and then to adopt. Ordinance No. 2014-229 is to amend our zoning map. This is related to property that is owned by the school district and tied to the new middle school project off of Westwood Drive and near Olympus Way.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney (cont'd): It's in the back of the property. It is an important parcel for their overall project to continue on schedule. This will ultimately have to go to the voters so there is a tight schedule to make all of this happen to get it on the May ballot. This evening it will be going on first reading and referred to Planning Commission for their review, and then to continue through the process. The third item is Ordinance No. 2014-230. This is to authorize and direct the Mayor to issue and improve Change Order No. 4 for an increase in the contract price tied to the Pearl Road Widening Project. This is with Fabrizi Trucking. We heard the details behind the increase in caucus. This would increase the contract by \$97,699.05 to a new total of \$7,486,761.85. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on this item. Ordinance No. 2014-231 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a first amendment to site lease agreement. This is with Cingular Wireless as the lessee and the City of Cleveland as lessor. This is for equipment for our water tower and tied to the telecommunication facilities. It is to expand the area that is being leased and to allow for the installation of a backup generator. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on that item. Ordinance No. 2014-232 is to approve and authorize the filing of an application for federal aid project funding assistance with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) through their transportation improvement program. This is to hopefully obtain funding to help with improvements that are being proposed at the IR71/SR82 interchange. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on this item. Finally, Ordinance No. 2014-233 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for engineering consulting services for the much anticipated city-wide traffic signal system upgrade project. We not long ago won a significant grant for all that work. In this case, it's the first step in the process where this will be a contract with TMS Engineers for \$418,600.00 to get all of that work started. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on this item. That concludes my report, I'll be happy to take any questions.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Maloney, any questions for Mr. Maloney this evening?

(None)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you Mr. Daymut, Mayor-before I get into my committee, I want to tell you what happened this weekend. I have my sister, my brother-in-law, my niece, and her significant other, and we were at dinner and lost them. I go, "Where are you guys..." in the northern part of town over at the Brew Kettle they enjoy their food and their beverages there. They have been coming out to Strongsville for years. Ms. Ludwig has been at our house because she lives across the street from me; she knows who I am talking about. They said "We had to stop on the corner and get out and walk through the beautiful square during the holiday season." She goes "I have never seen it so beautiful." She is from Virginia, so they have photos which I am going to send to you when I get them. I just thought that was important. My brother-in-law is fifty-six, my sister is fifty-five, my niece is twenty-six, and her boyfriend and they thought it was so beautiful even at those ages. They stopped and walked through and took photos. Tell Santa Claus and all his elves and The Schonhut Family, who I know started that way back before the square was so beautiful; they were the foundation of how it is today. I think that is a great story.

Mr. Carbone – Can I add to that? Mayor, if you are going to talk with the elves and Santa Claus, my son was looking for Dominic the Donkey.

Mayor Perciak – Next year.

Mr. Carbone – Okay, just checking. I saw The Grinch and everybody, and he goes "Dad, where is Dominic the Donkey?"

Mayor Perciak – I feel bad now.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – You do know the song right?

Mayor Perciak – Yes, but tell Michael that next year we will make sure that Dominic the Donkey and Daddy are there too.

Mr. Carbone – Okay.

Mr. Southworth – Daddy could dress up as Dominic the Donkey.

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – Here we go. I'm not reading my good friend Ken Dooner's face, but I'm thinking maybe he is thinking one in the same.

Mr. Dooner – I'm taking The Fifth.

Mr. DeMio – So getting to the important, well actually not more important, we have two ordinances on the agenda tonight. Ordinance Nos. 2014-235 and 2014-236. Ordinance No. 2014-235 is what I like to call money to us for the 911 dispatch. The Mayor said as soon as that is passed we are going to go downtown and receive our \$234,000.00+ for that.

Mayor Perciak – We are going to make certain we get the signed document down. We will be first in line to get our \$233,000.00; that's how it is going to work.

Mr. DeMio – Darn right

Mayor Perciak – And we want to make certain that we don't miss out on that opportunity-you got that right.

Mr. DeMio – Awesome

Mayor Perciak – Add that to my list of grants.

Mr. DeMio – That is true, add that to the pages of grants, but again you talk about why communications were so important years ago, why we kept the staff the way it was, why we developed with the leadership of Mr. Bedford and the Mayor's direction, and we see these things coming through today. Other cities really think police, fire, dispatch, do an awesome job and I know they want to work with communications to do an awesome job. You know what I'm talking about Mayor, it started years ago, and it wasn't just this year. We have to follow the city of how they get from A, B, to C. That's just one more chapter in that book. The other is furniture for the dispatch. For lack of a better term, it's a no-bid contract, about \$34,000.00. I believe there is only one group that does that particular design for dispatch. The Mayor explained that in caucus as well with John Bedford's assistance there. We need everyone on that. Michael, that is it, unless there are questions.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. DeMio, are there any questions for Mr. DeMio this evening?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: I have no ordinances or resolutions this evening.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone this evening?

(None)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have Resolution No. 2014-237 which authorizes the Mayor to advertise for bids for the 2015 basketball and baseball seasons for the kids. I'd also like to just wish the best of luck...there are a lot of Strongsville kids playing in championship games, football games; one of which goes to Benedictine.

Mayor Perciak – That is correct.

Mr. Southworth – Some others that have actually gone through the SFL go to that...I guess there is a catholic high school in Lakewood, St. something...

Mayor Perciak – Mr. Kilo, what do you have to say about that? I have got to talk about that. What a phenomenal game. When you really think that this quarterback from Hudson, who was unstoppable, would be stopped by St. Edward Eagles. We're going to see who is going to be victorious next week, The Eagles and The Bangles, or just The Bangles. The Bangles I am leaning towards.

Mr. Southworth – I have to hear about it because I have so many St. Edward relatives.

Mayor Perciak – Because you went to St. Ignatius

Mr. Southworth – But I do wish both schools, friendly rivalries, I do wish both Benedictine and St. Edward...the kids that grew up in Strongsville playing either SFL or CYO at St. Joseph and John, Incarnate Word, St. Barts, St. Ambrose-I wish them the best of luck. Hopefully, a victory will come this weekend.

Mayor Perciak – It would be nice to see both of them bring home a victory. I think they can for the different divisions.

Mr. Southworth – Right, but that is all that I have for this evening. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Southworth, we appreciate it. Are there any questions for Mr. Southworth this evening?

(None)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Daymut: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. Are there any questions for myself?

(None)

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

Mayor Perciak: Yes, Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone. I have a very important announcement this evening. Councilman Maloney referred to it earlier in some of the pending legislation for this evening. I have a letter dated from the Ohio Department of Transportation, also known as ODOT, in my possession dated November 19th informing us that we are going to receive a safety grant in the amount of \$1,056,600.00. This is to expand the ramp to IR71 northbound from Royalton Rd. eastbound to two lanes, and re-sign and stripe Royalton Rd. so that the right two lanes can now go into the ramp. This will help with all of the congestion on Royalton Rd. going east, especially going to work in the morning- you know how we see all those cars playing chicken over there. Also, it will help with all the backup of traffic all the way up to John Bedford's house on Howe Rd....every workday morning. Mr. Mikula, I want to thank you for your efforts here. Mr. Mikula, myself, and Lori Daley went down to ODOT and made an extensive presentation. We would like to specifically thank Brian Blaney, the District Twelve Traffic Planning Engineer, for helping make this come to be. Ken, thank you, thank you for your efforts in this and let us get it going. This is a 2016 project. We'll see some alleviation there very soon.

I have several announcements this evening. Like I always said, there's plenty to do in Strongsville; there is no need to leave and Christmas is especially important. This coming weekend, at the recreation center the Breakfast with Santa is a total sellout. Over three hundred people are going to participate in our Breakfast with Santa. This weekend, The Strongsville Historical Society's Christmas in the Village is Saturday and Sunday. If you haven't been to the village, please make time and go there and see what is going on. It is absolutely beautiful what the volunteers have done in the village there, especially in each house. Take the time to go there and visit. Then when you're talking about villages, I encourage you to visit Debbie's Christmas Village at Southpark Mall starting this Wednesday, I think about 1:00 p.m. Everyone involved in this project there is asking for donations to the Strongsville Food Bank; so they're asking you for cash donations or food donations. Again, that is starting this Wednesday at Southpark Mall on the lower level near Macy's and Victoria's Secret-I think most of the guys know where that place is.

(Laughter)

Mayor Perciak - Then on Friday is the annual scholarship dance sponsored by the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. Anybody needing tickets or any information on that please feel free to call Amy Feree at The Chamber of Commerce. She would only be too happy to accommodate your needs for that evening. By the way, all the proceeds to that dance goes for scholarships for our graduating seniors here at Strongsville High School. Last but not least, I want to take some time to thank all the volunteers who were involved in last week's Christmas lighting. It was just a phenomenal success. To all of our employees who gave of their time and gave of themselves to be there and facilitate Santa coming to town, we thank you. All of our donors...there were eighty-three different donors just this year who stepped up to the plate to help make that evening a success. I'd like to thank The Lion's Club who provided the hot chocolate and provided the exterior trees around the perimeter and the ice carvings and the reindeers and the wagon rides, etc. We want to also extend to them a sincere thank you. Last but not least, to all of the people in this community who prayed for great weather led by our clergymen...it's not often that you get a 50+ degree day in November to start the Christmas season here. There are plenty of thank yous going around so to all, and I hope I didn't miss anybody and if I did please forgive me, it was just spectacular and again, as Councilman DeMio alluded, there is absolutely no reason to leave Strongsville in the Christmas season. There is just so much here. Please take advantage of the wonderful amenities our community offers here during this Christmas season. That ends my report.

Mr. Dooner – Mayor, did you mention the senior luncheon Friday at the recreation center?

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

Mayor Perciak (cont'd): The senior luncheon on Friday at the recreation center, there's a brunch that is coming up.

Mr. Dooner - At 11:30 a.m.

Mayor Perciak - 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Dooner – Or 10:30 a.m. at the Strongsville Recreation Center put on by The Strongsville Rotary.

Mayor Perciak – Now that one sir I am not aware of. I know about the senior brunch coming. Do you want to tell them about that?

Mr. Dooner – No, no no...

Mayor Perciak – I want you to tell them. That got by me.

Mr. Dooner – Well you're invited.

(Laughter)

Mr. Dooner – The Rotary is putting on a senior luncheon on the 5th at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor, are there any other questions for the Mayor this evening?

Mr. DeMio – I do apologize Mayor; I meant to mention this in my committee even though it is not a public safety issue. I know you know him...

Mayor Perciak – Are we talking about Santa Claus now or Mrs. Claus?

Mr. DeMio – Regrettably no, a gentleman by the name of Gary Stroh who helped fundraise for years and organized St. Joseph and John's Wrestling Club, and the Mini-Mustangs. On his way to work, suddenly he passed away in the tunnel to the courthouse. If you knew Gary, he came to a lot of events. His brother-in-law was a Kilbane who really organized the funding, but they came to many of our events. You may know the face because in the day of St. Joseph's and John's football games and the wrestling games Gary was always there. If you know any of the Kilbanes in Ledgewood, that is their brother-in-law and you know him more from the catholic side of the sports Mayor.

Mayor Perciak – Yes

Mr. DeMio – He was an awesome guy that really loved kids. A dear friend of mine, but a dear friend of many of the kids through their Kilbane side of the family. I just wanted to share that with everybody. For those who know, this happened suddenly today going to work to the courthouse. I believe he was just sixty.

Mayor Perciak – I'm even sorrier to hear it.

Mr. Daymut – Are there any other questions for the Mayor this evening?

(None)

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

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

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Dubovec, any questions for Mr. Dubovec this evening?

(None)

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus: Mr. President, I will merely report that all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Kraus, any questions for Mr. Kraus this evening?

(None)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Daymut – We've reached our portion of the agenda for audience participation. Comments from members of the audience shall be limited to five minutes. We do have a signed-in sheet, no one has signed up. If anybody would like to address Council at this time please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Lou Szabo, 17492 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH – My name is Lou Szabo. I have lived here in Strongsville since about 1953. I want to share with you what happened to me on November 23rd. I picked up my friend, she lives in Brunswick. It was on Sunday, November 23rd about 5:00 p.m. My friend and I decided to see the Christmas tree lighting here in Strongsville. I was looking for a parking space behind the congregational church located at the west end of the town center. There was no space available. That place was jammed. I drove across RT82 behind the Huntington Ban; it was full of cars so I proceeded to the west end of the parking lot and found a spot and parked there. As we got out of the car, the fireworks started about 5:30 p.m. or maybe a little bit after 5:30 p.m. My friend said to me, "Oh my goodness, what a spectacular show!" It was beautiful, it was beautiful indeed. We crossed Royalton Road; and that intersection was really crowded with people, but we had excellent police assistance making it very easy for us and the other people to reach the other side off the street. The congregational church on the corner had all its doors open and they were welcoming everybody with hot coffee, cocoa, and a large assortment of cookies. Even the minister, their Pastor Becky, when she gives you a hug you stay hugged. She is a very nice person. Mr. Mayor you will vouch for that am I correct? They even had live animals there. They had a large camel and a display of the manger and Joseph and Mary there. We walked across the street and we saw Santa there talking to all the children. They even had a long line up of kids waiting to talk to Santa Claus. Then we decided to take a walk down to The Historical Village. All the houses were lit up for Christmas and it was in the olden days. It was beautiful scenery down there.

At 9:00 p.m. we walked back to our parked car. When we got there, low and behold, there was no car where I parked it. It dawned on me, was it towed away, or was it stolen? We walked over to the police station in the rain, and we have super security there at the police station. I'll tell you, you have to use a phone, you can't get in there to see anybody, and you talk to somebody. After a few minutes, after we got through talking to this young gal, a large officer came and talked to us. I didn't get his name, but his badge number was #52. After giving him a full description of my car he said he would take a look around where I parked it. I said, "Okay, be my guest." Low and behold, he came back in about fifteen minutes and he said "Mr. Szabo..." I said, "Yes?"...

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Szabo (cont'd) - "I found your car." That was sweet music to my ears when he said that. "It was parked another fifty feet west of where you thought you parked your car." I was told that happens a lot at our mall. Every day, he says, there are people that lose their car over there. I want to say that we have an excellent police and fire department. The protection here in the City of Strongsville is excellent, and I for one don't mind paying my taxes. Thank you very much.

Mr. Daymut – Lou, thank you, would you please give us your address?

Mr. Szabo – 17492 Shurmer Road. It's halfway between Pearl Road and Howe Road on the north side.

(Laughter)

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Lou, we really appreciate it. Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council evening?

Bill Vassil, 18271 Fox Hollow Drive, Strongsville OH – Bill Vassil, 18271 Fox Hollow Drive. Thank you Mayor, it took a long time for you to get the money to do the traffic lights, but I must interject into this. This morning I decided had to go to the VA hospital and I didn't want to go that way so I went down Pearl Road to get on IR71. I made it all the way without hitting one traffic light past the square.

Mayor Perciak – There you go.

Mr. Daymut – Congratulations

Mr. Vassil – That's the reason I was going 32mph all the way down. I thought that was fantastic. Now don't forget, you were going to put a turn lane at Howe Road and Shurmer Road eventually.

Mayor Perciak – It costs a lot of money (spoken in polish).

Mr. Vassil – If what?

Mr. Dubovec – It costs a lot of money.

(Laughter)

Mr. Vassil – Spend it. Also...

Mayor Perciak – That you for interpreting that Finance Director Dubovec.

Mr. Vassil – To the St. Edwards/Hudson game, you should have known that Edward was going to kill them, please.

Mayor Perciak – I don't know, that quarterback at Hudson...this guy has had a spectacular year. He was unstoppable.

Mr. Vassil – Well he got stopped didn't he?

Mayor Perciak – He sure did.

Mr. Vassil – My son went to St. Edward and he has a claim to fame.

Mayor Perciak – He went with Kilo (Steve)?

Mr. Vassil – Oh no please, that one no. He put fourteen points over Clark Kellog and Kellog put eight over him.

Mayor Perciak – Wow

Mr. Vassil – but Kellog put twenty-three over him the next time because they played two games. Also, when are they going to get started...when do you think they'll get started on these traffic lights? Do you have any idea?

Mayor Perciak – No because this is why we are getting this engineering study. These things- when you are spending millions like this you have got to be careful, whether it is our money or grant money or whatever, it's got to be right. That's why I believe we made the right decision in hiring, which the Council is going to authorize tonight, the correct traffic engineering firm that specializes specifically in this type of situation here. We believe they will give us all the proper recommendations and what needs to be done and how it needs to be done. Then we will coordinate it, we'll proceed from that point on.

Mr. Vassil – Now they have started to rip up, or to take off the blacktop coming up from the northern end on the inside lane going all the way to the ramp coming up. Is there a reason for that or...

Mayor Perciak – I don't know, I think it was just a bumpy road and they just went ahead and did what they could. All they did was rough it up and I don't see anything happening this year with that on IR71.

Mr. Vassil – You got the east end done, when are you going to do the west end and put an extra lane in there? That way you'll have four lanes going, two lanes...

Mayor Perciak – You know, remember what you were taught when you were growing up, all good things take time.

Mr. Vassil – Yes, I understand that, but that's your biggest bottleneck. At night it goes all the way back to the turnpike sometimes. That's pretty bad, thank you.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Bill. Is there anybody else in the audience that would like to address Council?

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2014-172 by Mr. Carbone and Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1252.05, 1252.20, AND SECTION 1253.11, OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH R1-125 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS. First reading and referred to Planning Commission 09-15-14. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 09-25-14. Second reading 10-06-14. Public hearing 11-17-14.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to Motion by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio, to amend the Ordinance by substitution with a revised version. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

**Ordinance No. 2014-172 ADOPTED,
as amended.**

Ordinance No. 2014-220 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, POSITION PLAN, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH, ALLOCATE AND FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE POSITION OF AQUATICS/POOL ASSISTANT MANAGER; TO AMEND SECTIONS 6-003, 9-003, 9-004, 9-006, 9-007, 9-008, 9-009, AND 9-010 IN ORDER TO ADJUST CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RANGE SCHEDULES; TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading 11-17-14.

Motion by Mr. Dooner 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 to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-220 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2014-229 by Mr. Maloney. 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 VACANT REAL ESTATE LOCATED NEAR WESTWOOD DRIVE AND OLYMPUS WAY (PART OF PPN 392-30-006) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading, referred to Planning Commission and back to the committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2014-230 by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FOR A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO., INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE PEARL ROAD WIDENING PROJECT PHASE II (CUY-42-0.00), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner 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 to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-230 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2014-231 by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC, AS LESSEE, AND THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, AS LESSOR, FOR MODIFICATION OF THE INSTALLATION ON PREMISES LOCATED AT 18778 ROYALTON ROAD, AT THE CLEVELAND WATER TOWER AND ITS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner 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 to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-231 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2014-232 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL-AID PROJECT FUNDING ASSISTANCE WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY, THROUGH ITS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, IN CONNECTION WITH THE IR71/SR82 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS-RAMP B MODIFICATIONS PROJECT [Cuy-82-3.45]; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner 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 to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-232 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2014-233 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY-WIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT (PID NO.67602), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner 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 to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-233 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2014-234 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2014 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-219.

Motion by Mr. Dooner 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 to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-234 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2014-235 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE AWARD OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE COUNTY'S 9-1-1 CONSOLIDATION SHARED SERVICES FUND PROGRAM, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE'S SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner 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 to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-235 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2014-236 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE WORKSTATION FURNITURE FOR THE CITY'S SOUTHWEST REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH CENTER, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner 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 to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-236 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2014-237 by Mr. Southworth. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUTH SPORTS WEARING APPAREL FOR USE BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DURING 2015.

Motion by Mr. Dooner 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 to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2014-237 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Daymut – Gentlemen, is there any miscellaneous business this evening?

(No comments)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

December 15, 2014
Date of Approval