

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 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, February 3, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.***

Present: Council Members: Jim Carbone, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Kenneth M. Dooner, J. Scott Maloney, Matt Schonhut, and Duke Southworth. Also Present: Clerk of Council Leslie Seefried. Administration: Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Human Resources Director Stephen F. Kilo, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, Building Commissioner Anthony J. Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Communication and Technology Director John Bedford, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Safety Director Charles W. Goss, Fire Chief Jeffrey D. Branich and Police Chief James D. Kobak.

Absent: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak

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

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

Communications and Technology Committee: Chairman Schonhut reported that this committee has Ordinance No. 2014-018, which is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with AT&T for Public Safety Solutions. He explained that basically what this is an upgrade of our dispatch system, which is in need of upgrade since we haven't upgraded since 2005; this goes hand in hand with working our way towards forming a regional dispatch center here in Strongsville. The cost is for an amount not to exceed \$176,000 and change; the recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

Planning, Zoning and Engineering: Mr. Maloney reported that his committee has three items on the agenda this evening for Council's consideration. He stated we are still in some discussion regarding Ordinance 2013-075, so it still is not quite ready to be presented for a vote; the recommendation is to place the ordinance on fifth reading and send it back to committee. Mr. DeMio thanked Mr. Maloney for calling a meeting. Mr. Southworth noted that the Ordinance received a favorable recommendation from both the Planning Commission and the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Daymut stated this is something that has been talked about for many, many years and it is something they would like to take care of as soon as possible; unfortunately, that is not going to happen, but he is sure they are going to talk to Mr. Maloney and Mr. Maloney is going to try to expedite that so we can have it back in front of us hopefully very shortly. Mr. Maloney reported that Ordinance 2014-019 is a recent request we received to rezone property on Pearl Road. The request to rezone is for a couple of parcels on the east side of Pearl Road north of the strip center where Italian Village is located; there are a couple of houses along that strip between there and the property for St. John Neumann. The front of the properties is currently zoned General Business, but the back is still zoned R1-75 and the owners of these parcels would like to get all of it zoned General Business. The recommendation for Ordinance 2014-019 is to place on first reading and refer to Planning Commission. Mr. Maloney reported that Ordinance 2014-020 is to accept for dedication to public use certain lands within Andrus Woods Westwood Farms Subdivision Number 16, Phase II; the recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

Mr. Maloney commented that all members of Council received a copy of the Architectural Review Board's Design Guidelines for the Pearl Road Corridor, which is a culmination of over a year's work with the Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee, with the Mayor and a lot of members of his administration. Mr. Maloney recognized Council Members Carbone and Schonhut, as well as staff members from the Engineering Department, the Building Department, the City Planner and the Law Department, who put a lot of work into ultimately creating this document so that this can be for future guidelines that can be provided to developers looking to do non-residential development along Pearl

Road, from the north end at Sprague all the way down to Boston Road and then, likewise, when projects are coming before ARB they will be using these guidelines to benchmark against what is being presented by the architects or engineers or contractors. He stated a lot of great work went into this and we are very excited that we're now going to have a little bit more tangible information to look at. He asked Council to review the guidelines and feel free to bring back any questions or concerns.

Mr. Carbone added that he wants to thank Mr. Maloney, Mr. Schonhut and everybody involved with creating the guidelines. He said it's been a long time coming, but he thinks it benefits young and old; the old in the city because this is something that they complained about for many years, about having a foundation and having some standards and some consistency along Pearl Road; and for the young because they are going to see this as the years go on; as the buildings go up or remodel they are going to be incorporating these standards and they are going to see this develop over the years. Mr. Carbone continued that this is something we have talked about for a long time and he is excited for the community to see this finally happen.

Mr. DeMio asked if the ARB guidelines are concrete, something that developers would be required to follow. Mr. Maloney replied that they are guidelines or recommendations and they would not necessarily be mandatory. He stated originally there was talk about whether ordinances should actually be changed to incorporate the guidelines, but after much conversation with the Mayor and administration and PZE Committee members, they came to the conclusion that that could become very problematic. He stated what a lot of communities have done is more along these lines where the perception of it is less confrontational, and more often than not developers are happy to comply with the recommendations given to them. Mr. DeMio asked what other communities he is talking about. Mr. Carbone answered Middleburg Heights, Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Westlake, Hudson and Dublin. Mr. DeMio asked if those communities have guidelines to compare. Mr. Carbone replied that it depends; Hudson and Dublin are a little bit more detailed, but the cities like Westlake, Brecksville, Broadview Heights and Middleburg Heights all mimic one another within their guidelines. Mr. Carbone stated the guidelines in Middleburg Heights are very specific; down to the mortar they use. A discussion ensued regarding a certain building at the north end of Pearl Road and the color of the paint and the appearance in general of the building. Mr. Carbone commented that that is why we need strong criteria and standards, so that these things don't happen. Mr. Schonhut added that it also comes down to trusting our ARB to follow the guidelines to the best of their ability; obviously, each project is going to present individual differences, but it comes down to trusting the ARB to look at each project and use their best judgment to how to best work the project into the guidelines. Mr. Daymut commented that in the two years since Mr. Carbone started with these guidelines, it has been his observation that the ARB has been quietly implementing guidelines in projects; he feels it's been on the right track and now they have direction. Mr. Carbone said when this was originally laid out, he reached out to big developers and they looked at it as their perspective – things that they saw the city can do without pushback from a developer standpoint – brick color, stone color, the type of lighting, fencing, etc. – all the things that are in the guidelines won't get any resistance. New buildings and renovated buildings along the Pearl Road corridor will now all have some consistency.

Mr. Southworth opined that Taste of Excellence is one of the most decrepit buildings on Pearl Road; it is not necessarily conforming with anything else on Pearl Road. He asked if there is anything that would prohibit a Taste of Excellence type building. The answer was no. Mr. Carbone stated that new and renovated buildings, though, will be encouraged to create some consistency amongst brick and stone. Existing buildings that are merely being painted or spruced up aren't considered major renovations and, therefore, may not be subject to adhere to such guidelines.

Mr. Carbone added that we can't wait two years to get this done; that building on the north end is an embarrassment for our city and when you're looking at redeveloping an area that's been an eyesore for a long time; when we do have new development coming in, it's sad that that slipped through. So we can't wait two years again, and that is not going to aid in the economic development or redevelopment in that area; we really need to get on top of it. He stated businesses around that were not happy. He stated the reality is that we are in competition with other communities and when you look at other communities, that wouldn't happen, so we have to look at what we're doing to make sure that doesn't happen again, and soon.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio stated Ordinance No. 2014-012 is before Council this evening. This ordinance is approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement to provide public safety dispatch services to the City of North Royalton. He stated he talked to several officials in North Royalton and he believes the North Royalton City Council will be voting in favor of this project at its meeting tomorrow evening. Mr. DeMio asked Safety Director Goss if he had anything new to report. Safety Director Goss stated he believes everything is on track, our reading of the ordinance is tonight and North Royalton's is tomorrow. Law Director Kraus added that he called the North Royalton Law Department at the end of the day and they are totally on course, on target with the legislation. Mr. Goss added that they are in daily communication with the North Royalton Police and Fire Chiefs and Safety Director and they have gotten the same message from everyone. Mr. DeMio recommended suspension and adoption this evening for Ordinance 2014-012.

Mr. Schonhut mentioned that he and Mr. Southworth were at a meeting the other night with one of the homeowner associations in town and with the new addition onto Waterford Crossing at Kylemore and Walnut there are some concerns now that those streets are connected on the new traffic flow and maybe a need for a stop sign or two being put up, so he just wants to make sure we get that addressed. Safety Director Goss stated he saw Mr. Schonhut's email and he talked to Chief Kobak about it and the traffic unit will do a study.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone reported his committee has three ordinances this evening. Ordinance 2014-021 is to enter into a contract to purchase ready-mix concrete for the Service Department at a cost not to exceed \$299,650.00; the recommendation is to place on first reading this evening. Ordinance 2014-022 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for uniform rental through 2015 for the Service Department at a cost not to exceed \$16,861 annually; the recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Lastly, Ordinance 2014-023 is to authorize the sale by internet auction of certain obsolete property no longer needed by the Public Service Department; the recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Chairman Southworth reported his committee has two ordinances this evening. Ordinance 2014-015 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a non-exclusive rental/occupancy agreement with the Strongsville Lacrosse Association on a limited basis for 2014 for the City's football fields on Lunn Road; the recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Ordinance 2014-024 is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of youth sports wearing apparel for use by the Recreation Department; the recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut stated he will give a report on the floor of the committee's January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. He stated the committee's next meeting is Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Council Chamber.

Committee of the Whole: Council President Daymut reported that Resolution No. 2014-025 is to submit to the electors the question of the renewal of our existing 1.5 mill tax levy for the purpose of

current expenses of the City; the Resolution received a favorable recommendation for suspension and adoption this evening.

***Motion was made by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Dooner to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 27, 2014. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

President Daymut asked if Council had any questions for the Administration. There were none. He then asked whether the Administration had anything for Council. Law Director Kraus asked Mr. Daymut to advise Council of a communication received in the Council Office concerning a request to postpone an upcoming public hearing. Mr. Daymut stated we received correspondence from representatives from the Hampton Inn that they want to delay the public hearing scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Daymut stated part of the difficulty with the request is that the notice of public hearing has already been mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the property proposed to be rezoned and a legal notice announcing the public hearing has already been published in the newspaper. Mr. Daymut asked the Council members how they felt about postponing the public hearing. Mr. Daymut stated that if Council decided to grant the request for postponement, the applicant would pay the cost of postage to notify of the postponement. Mr. Southworth stated he doesn't feel it would be fair to the residents of Ledgewood to postpone the public hearing. He stated that Waterford residents have also asked about the project. Mr. Southworth feels the residents deserve a public hearing on the project. Mr. Daymut noted for the record that even though it is Council's due diligence to see what possibilities there are for any site that comes in for a rezoning, and Council actually likes to see what the potential is for a particular site, at the same time, Council is dealing with the zoning issue, not a particular project. He stated that although the applicant in question has presented some conceptual idea of what will happen with the site, if for any reason that wouldn't come to fruition and the parcel is rezoned, then that parcel is opened up for other projects with the appropriate zoning to possibly come in. It was the consensus of Council to go forward with the public hearing as scheduled. Law Director Kraus stated that in order to afford the applicant due process, he would suggest that under Communications, Petitions and Claims on tonight's agenda it be announced that the City received correspondence from the applicant requesting a postponement of the public hearing, and that, from a procedural standpoint, a motion be made to grant the request of the applicant and a vote be taken on the motion.

President Daymut asked Council members if they had any interest in joining the Northeast Ohio City Council Association (NOCCA) this year. We have received correspondence from this organization regarding membership; dues would be \$400 for the year. It was decided that the Council would not take part in NOCCA this year.

Service Director Walker advised that the weather reports are predicting a winter storm beginning tomorrow evening with 6-10" of snow expected. The Service Department is prepared and will be pre-treating the roads all day tomorrow.

President Daymut noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees. 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 7:57 p.m. The executive session concluded at 8:03 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Schonhut and second by Mr. Southworth to reconvene in open session. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2014 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Daymut called the meeting to order at 8:04 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:** Matt Schonhut, Joseph C. DeMio, Duke Southworth, Michael J. Daymut, Kenneth M. Dooner, J. Scott Maloney, and Jim Carbone. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Leslie Seefried. **Administration:** Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Human Resources Director Stephen F. Kilo, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Building Commissioner Anthony J. Biondillo, Communication and Technology Director John Bedford, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles W. Goss, Fire Chief Jeffrey P. Branich, and Police Chief James D. Kobak.

**Absent:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak.

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 21, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:**

None.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. We did not have a January meeting, so I have nothing to report at this time; but if there are any questions, I'll be more than happy to answer them.

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

(None)

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. At the last school board meeting all-day kindergarten was approved by the board; if there is a minimum of 80 students there will be a cost of \$2500 for the year; 100 students, which is going to be the max, will be \$2000 a year. When you look at those numbers, it's a lot lower than a lot of areas around us, so that's a good thing. February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Muraski there will be a parent meeting about information about all-day kindergarten; also, you can go to the School's website. There is going to be a max – be mindful that there is going to be a max of only 100; the first 100 students the first year are going to have that opportunity for all-day kindergarten. Also, congrats to Paul Moses, our Athletic Director, for receiving the 2013 Distinguished Service Award by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):** And also, and lastly, there will be a board level facilities meeting; every meeting will be open to the public and they will meet every quarter. And when we talk about facilities, a board level meeting for the facilities, it's going to give the public an opportunity to be able to participate – or to come in and hear what's being discussed at these meetings about our facilities and, also, they're going to be posted so people are going to have some insight when these meetings are going to be. So it's very important; if you have any interest, have any concerns, you know the best thing to do is to listen first-hand to the information and make your own decision based on that information and/or if you have any good input that the board or anybody with the facilities task force would like to hear, please bring your opinions and your thoughts to the meeting. And that concludes my report.

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

(None)

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. This committee has no ordinances or resolutions on the agenda tonight, but I will happily take any questions

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Schonhut. Any questions for Mr. Schonhut this evening?

(None)

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. Tonight, Communications and Technology has one ordinance on the agenda, 2014-018; this is with AT&T Public Safety Solutions for the purchase and installation of a new updated 911 call handling system. This is going to go hand-in-hand with working our way toward the regional dispatch center here in Strongsville, hopefully bringing on North Royalton, assuming all goes well here at tonight's meeting as well as theirs tomorrow. The recommendation on that is going to be suspend and adopt.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Schonhut; and we need all seven on that. Are there any questions for Mr. Schonhut under Communications and Technology?

(None)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut:** We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I'll give a short report on our meeting of Monday, January 27th: Our next breakfast meeting will be some time now in the month of March; we're in the process of getting a sponsor and a speaker for that; I think our Rec Center will be the sponsor, but as soon as we do find out who the speaker is, we'll get the information to you. Our tech committee had no report, since Ed Oliveros was absent. We did consider Ordinance 2013-261 and that was given an unfavorable recommendation from Economic Development. We did discuss the ability to have some new members join our troops; we have some names now, we'll be filtering through those in the next month or so. We received an update on Vitamix, one of our newer and better employers here in the city of Strongsville. Josh Mandel had toured the plant with Brent Painter, our Economic Development Director, and the Mayor just to see how many – I think 130 – jobs just recently have been created there, and they are a real asset to our community. We received an update on our business parks – who has been locating there and some of the newer projects that are coming in. We decided on some goals for 2014; again, the Polaris survey, we put that off for a while; we have the Expo again coming up in probably October; it's my understanding there might be the ability to do a short survey, as we have partnered with Ohio State for many years on that; and, of course, Cuyahoga Community College has the advanced manufacturing, we will most likely schedule touring there. And that's all we discussed at the meeting.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut (cont'd):** Our next meeting will be Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. here in Council Chambers. That's all I have this evening; are there any questions for myself?

Mr. DeMio – Mike, I do.

Mr. Daymut – Yes?

Mr. DeMio – And I apologize; a little hectic in our caucus today with all the items we had to deal with. As I am, and I'm sure many others in Strongsville and in greater Cleveland, the United cutback of services at Hopkins is going to be devastating. So my question is, when or how do we find out the impact that will take place on our city and our tax base, as well as the amount of employees that directly or indirectly work at Hopkins? I say that only because I just happen to have several friends that work over there. And if I'm hearing, it's a sixty-forty split in runs, this will be very tragic. The growth in our community has been so great and so successful, even during the years in which the recession, or the great recession, has hit, I'm wondering what that will do to our location. And as you know, and I know Mr. Painter knows this, one of our biggest selling points is we are close to interstate, airport, so on and so forth. So I encourage you and implore you to really go into a depth, depth study on the impact of that. I know you will, I just want to say it on behalf of the residents I have talked to, and good friends, so if you could share that; I'm sure if anybody else would like to join in on that, I'm sure I would gladly get that. I'm a little lost, only because I'm very, very....

Mr. Daymut – No, that's understandable; very emotional for the people who are losing their jobs and we know that a number of the employees live here in the city of Strongsville and it will definitely have an effect on us, so we'll try to get that information together for you, Joe; as soon as we can, we'll get it over to you so we can share it with you to see what the impact is going to be in the city of Strongsville.

Mr. DeMio – And if you do have a discussion on that, maybe this Council can make a special night with the Economic Development to get even a keener understanding about that impact.

Mr. Daymut – Well, if it's all right, what I'd like to do is then – Obviously, our meetings are public, or open, so on February 24th, tell any colleagues who would like to attend those meetings -- Mr. Dooner and Mr. Southworth are committee members – but please, it's open to the public, it's open to anyone, to all our colleagues, so I will make sure that's on the agenda.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, that's what I wanted. All right, thanks, Michael, very much for taking the time to hear that.

Mr. Daymut – That's no problem. Any other questions for myself this evening?

(None)

**FINANCE - Mr. Dooner:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. The Finance Committee has no ordinances or resolutions before it this evening.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Dooner. Any questions for Mr. Dooner?

(None)

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

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. We have a few ordinances appearing before Council this evening. The first Ordinance is 2013-075 and this was being presented tonight to revise certain accessory uses to remove recreation and physical fitness from General Industrial districts, and there are still a few outstanding questions that the committee wants to explore and firm up our understanding before we present for a vote, so we are going to place this on fifth reading and send back to committee. Second item is Ordinance 2014-019 and this was a recent proposal to amend our zoning map again, as we had in a couple other cases; there is a property owner of a couple parcels on the east side of Pearl just north of the Italian Village plaza and south of where St. John Neumann has property on the east side of Pearl, and they have a couple parcels there that they were split up many years ago – the front of those are General Business, the back are R1-75 and it's made it more difficult for them to manage that property so they are proposing to change the back part of those parcels to General Business to align with the front. So this will be placed on first reading as we always do and referred to Planning Commission for review and then come back to us. The third item is Ordinance 2014-020 to accept for dedication to public use certain lands within the Andrus Woods Westwood Farms Subdivision 16, Phase II; we get these from time to time as work is wrapping up; the recommendation on this item is to suspend and adopt. And then finally, as I touched on in caucus and want to briefly touch on here as well, that we are excited to report that two years of effort, really -- I talked about in particular the last year, but this is really a topic that came up as long as two years ago -- to explore whether we could come up with some design guidelines as it related to proposed new construction projects throughout our retail or non-residential corridors in town, but we opted to start with Pearl Road first. And there was a tremendous amount of work that went into this over the last year; the Mayor and his administration, the Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee – Mr. Carbone and Mr. Schonhut were also very passionate and involved with this; but certainly to thank the Engineering Department, the Building Department, our City Planners Bill Boron and George Smerigan, the Law Department, Economic Development, our City Arborist, really everybody had an opportunity to weigh in on what we were going to end up with here. And it was brought up in caucus, there was talk about do you legislate, try to very formally put something in place, or do you do what other communities have done and establish guidelines? And where we ended up and it was really strongly encouraged from the Mayor and his team is that if you try to legislate it potentially becomes very limiting in what you can and can't do, and so we take the path of establishing guidelines and felt provided more flexibility when we're working with proposed projects and the developers that go along with them. So there is a document that we shared with Council tonight, they're going to be reviewing it and letting us know if they have any questions, but this will be going into place with our Architectural Review Board for proposed projects going forward and, likewise, when anybody comes forward to propose a new project along Pearl – and this is for new construction or major renovation of something that's existing – they'll be handed this document right out of the gate and they'll be able to use that as a reference so that when they go back and draw up their plans on what they want to do we feel this will be very beneficial. In the past we've gotten feedback that, you know, over the past five to seven years when you look at the finished product it's been very tastefully done and it's been well received by the community, but there were times where a developer may have had an original idea or concept and it had to go through the process again, which was maybe a little bit wasteful or time consuming or applying more costs than it could have, so now that we've got definition up front they can read through it and they'll be able to react to that immediately and not be surprised if they make it all the way to where it's being reviewed by us and we're saying well we'd like to do something different. So, I think it's a great milestone and I wanted to thank everybody involved and we'll see how it works for us going forward. I'll be happy to take any questions.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Maloney. Any questions for Mr. Maloney? I thank everyone involved for all their hard work; it's a great product, I had the opportunity to look it over and I think it will really enhance...and Jim and Matt are obviously instrumental in that; long time coming, but I think it was well worth waiting for with the document we have.



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

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING (cont'd):**

Mr. Carbone – Mr. President. I also want to thank everybody involved. This is something that this community has been screaming for the last twenty years I can remember about a little bit more consistency and a little bit more direction. I think years past they were concerned about the direction we were going or didn't understand the direction because there was no solid plan for Pearl Road and this is something that, again, we've heard about for years from neighbors to friends who live in the city to – you know, I know my dad was very passionate about this, too, and I think Joe DeMio – Joe, how many times did my dad talk about Pearl Road and about come on, we could do a little bit better than this, and now we have the foundation and, like I said in caucus, what's neat, I think people young and old in our community can appreciate this because the older people in our community who have been wanting to see something like this for many years can appreciate it, but also the younger people are really going to have an opportunity to see this develop over the years. This isn't something that's going to happen overnight, but this could take years and this, hopefully, is going to be something that people – our residents – are proud about. And businessmen in the city told me they really believed in this because businesses want to be where people want to be, and I truly believe with this plan we're going to finally create an area on Pearl Road where people want to be. So I think Brent Painter should be very happy with this because I do believe this is going to promote businesses, economic development and people redeveloping their own property, and we're seeing it already by Giant Eagle; plans have come out for Giant Eagle, a beautiful building, now there's renovation being done around it and they're going to all meet in to this criteria, which is great. And I couldn't be more excited, so I really appreciate everybody's involvement in this, everybody's input in this and even though it took two years it's a proud moment for the City of Strongsville and the residents to be able to say we got it done, so thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Carbone.

Mr. DeMio – I just want to say, Mike, that your father – and I mean this because for those – Mike and I were around – your dad would come to the podium as often as Mr. Vassil does today and speak – seriously – speak from the heart and talk about the kids and how they grew up here and go through all the little items and the areas that need to be cleaned up – right, Mr. Vassil? You were around. And your dad would be very proud; not only do you carry on his love for this city and what the city should feel like, part of what you did was really your dad talk, seriously. So tell your mom your dad's still hanging around here. That's all, Mike, I just had to say it. You know – who didn't like Mr. Carbone? Just the people he arrested.

Mr. Daymut – We miss him.

Mr. DeMio – We do.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio:** Very briefly; I know that Councilman Maloney would like to say something at the end of my committee report and it's very brief today because we only have the one ordinance. 2014-012, for lack of a better term, it's a joint venture with the dispatch of Strongsville being the lead agency and North Royalton coming into our facility and dispatching public safety. I know that Charles Goss, our former chief and our Safety Director today, may add a little bit more to that, of course, because he was so involved in the back and forth of getting this work out. I just want to say for the record that I did talk to several officials in Royalton as late as today and they are pretty excited as well. But Michael, if you don't mind, maybe Charles Goss, if you would like to say a few – give the overview of what this really means for us, and if you want to go into the savings, be my guest.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH (cont'd):**

Mr. Goss - Mr. President, Mr. DeMio. Very briefly, we still have a lot of work to do in these final days as things come together after the legislation is passed in both cities, but we're looking forward to the opportunity to work together and to hopefully garner some efficiencies through cooperative efforts both in the quality of the service and, also, in the cost of the service as we go forward. So we're very excited about what we put together and look forward to our joint venture.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you. And Mike, I just want to point out one more thing; I know that Mr. Bedford was a huge part of this and, correct me if I'm wrong, as well as the two chiefs – Chief Branich and Chief Kobak – and they put a lot of hours into it. And even though the taxpayers don't realize the work that you did for this today, I think when they look at our bottom line over the next couple years they will see those savings. And what I do know over the years is the savings that comes out of safety gets put back into safety, if you know what I mean, to do even more work and do better buying and so on and so forth. So you'll see the savings of about \$200,000 roughly, or surplus if you will, depending upon how you look at it, and we will reinvest that money into safety at our bottom line, which is awesome. And we look forward to the dispatchers that are going to come over to Strongsville and we welcome them very much with open arms. So if you'll share that with them, Chiefs and directors; thank you. Mike, and if I could, I know that – is there any other issues for Public Safety outside of what Mr. Maloney – Anyone else?

Mr. Daymut – Any other questions for Joe?

(None)

Mr. DeMio – Okay, if you can give Scott the last few minutes.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you. Mr. Maloney.

Mr. Maloney – Thanks, Joe. I wanted to take a couple minutes to talk about I had the opportunity to attend a session last week at the library about heroin in the suburbs and Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Mike Astrab has been facilitating these sessions in different communities around northeast Ohio, and there were some people there who had some really gut-wrenching stories to tell. But a lot of the stereotypes that go with that drug have changed; people think of the needle in the arm kind of thing and it takes on multiple forms now, it's not just that; it's in powder form, it can be taken orally. And there was one gentleman there who was thirty years old who has been clean now for about ten years and he talked about getting into that stuff when he was in junior high and early high school and it was relatively cheap, it was relatively easy to get; he was one of the top performing kids in his class, he had a full ride scholarship to college, everything going for him and then the use of the drug just derailed all of that. And there was just story after story where it could be anybody and you can't really assume that it's the rougher element or whatever you might think of that are users. So it was very eye-opening. But I do want to thank the Safety Director and our Police Chief because one of the comments that was made during session was that out of all the communities they've gone to we had the largest presence of law enforcement there, showing that our community is definitely in tune with what's going on and we're dedicated to keeping tabs on these things, and with the DARE Program, and just by virtue of having four or five different officers there in different capacities that were engaged and interested in doing what we can to make sure we keep this kind of thing to a minimum. He was impressed, and some of the other people on the panel were impressed with our involvement.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH (cont'd):**

Mr. Maloney (cont'd) - So I just wanted to thank them and take a couple minutes to mention that that had taken place and that it was a packed group – there were probably a hundred people in attendance, so it's something that people definitely had a passion about and are taking notice. So thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Maloney. Anything else for Mr. DeMio?

Mr. DeMio – Other than I thank Scott for attending that meeting and, you know, when we've all went out – I know the at-large went out and talked about each other, but this is a good example. Scott went to the Public Safety meeting – better stop at Carbone – Public Safety meeting; Jim and Matt did a Planning issue before they were on Planning; and this is so very important that we do work together and we do share each other's ideas and committees. So, Scott, today I tip my hat to you; thank you for going; that was great.

Mr. Maloney – Likewise.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone:** Yes, I have three ordinances this evening. 2014-021, this is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract to purchase ready-mix concrete for our Service Department; my recommendation is to place on first reading this evening. The second ordinance is 2014-022, this is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for uniform rentals for our Service Department through 2015, not to exceed \$16,861 annually; the recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. And lastly this evening, Ordinance 2014-023, this is authorizing the sale of internet auction of some obsolete property no longer needed by our Public Service Department; the recommendation here is to suspend and adopt.

And one thing I did forget; I wanted to thank everybody at Surrarer – the staff, the parents and the kids; this is the third year in a row I read the numbers off at Bingo and it was a great time, and it's something I look forward to every year. And last year we started a new little twist and it went really well and the kids responding well, they did great, they had a good time. And most importantly, at the end the kids thanked their parents, but a big thank-you to the parents coming out that night and being with their kids, being involved; that's something great to see. So that ends my report.

Mr. DeMio – And the Carbone family won every award – Bingo.

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

(None)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. I have two ordinances on this evening's agenda. The first one is 2014-015, which is a rental agreement with Strongsville Lacrosse allowing them to use the SFL field for this upcoming season; the recommendation on that is to suspend and adopt. The second ordinance is 2014-024, which is buying uniforms for the upcoming baseball, softball and t-ball season for the kids; the recommendation on that is to suspend and adopt. If there are any questions, I'll be happy to answer; but that is all that I have.

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

(None)

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Daymut:** We do have Resolution 2014-025, it received a favorable recommendation; that's the renewal of the 1.5 mill tax levy for current expenses. Any questions for myself under Committee of the Whole?

(None)

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

**Mayor Perciak:** Absent; no report.

**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 ends my report; thank you.

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

(None)

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

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

(None)

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Daymut – We have reached that portion of our agenda for audience participation. Comments from members of the audience shall be limited to five minutes. We do have a sign-in sheet; Collette Fine; Team Strongsville, and Ward 1 resident.

Collette Fine, 10054 Chevy Chase Drive, Strongsville – Hi everyone, it's me again. I'm Collette Fine; 10054 Chevy Chase Drive, Strongsville, 44136. Most of you know me from Team Strongsville; I started Team Strongsville in August of 2013 and we are a collaboration of very positive people working together with our City, our schools, our local businesses and our families in Strongsville. In August we had a kick-off tailgate party with 30 vendors and over 800 people had participated and that was free to the community. We did a Food Bank effort with the Strongsville Food Bank with four organizations to fulfill the needs of 240 families. Tonight I'd like to invite you to an event that we are having on February 23<sup>rd</sup>; we are working in conjunction with Catan Fashions to honor girls and women in Strongsville who are making a difference. The event is called The Difference Makers and we had a nomination process that has been out to the public through Facebook, Twitter and through The Strongsville Post and we have girls ages twelve and under, we have Terrific Teens, we have Working Wonders, Focused and Fabulous, Inspirational Idols and Established Excellence, so we have a variety of girls and women who have been nominated who we will honor that day as a Difference Maker. One of the things that I have found with Team Strongsville, one of the blessings for me, is that I have met so many great people doing wonderful things. And I'm not intending to exclude the men in our community; you do wonderful things, too. February is Go Red for Women Month through the American Heart Association and that is why we are doing this event. We will be honoring these women and these girls and then we are having a luncheon and we will have a

fashion show representative of all the ages there and we have a silent auction with lots of donations from our community.

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

Collette Fine (cont'd) - So I would like to welcome you to come, I would hope you would; I have an invitation and two tickets for each of you to bring a guest, and our tickets are for sale at the Strongsville Spirit Shop, they can be received through [TeamStrongsville@juno.com](mailto:TeamStrongsville@juno.com), and we're on Facebook – Team Strongsville, Twitter - @TeamStrongsville. So if you have any questions for me, I can answer those.

Mr. Daymut – What time was that? The event is on Sunday, I assume?

Collette Fine – It's Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>; doors open at 12:30 and the show begins promptly at one o'clock.

Mr. Southworth – Is Jim Carbone one of the male models for this event? Was he invited?

Collette Fine – No, we only have women; I'm sorry.

Jim Carbone – Women only.

Collette Fine – Women only. Men are invited too, though, because I'm sure some of our honorees will have husbands, fathers, sons attend. I think it's going to be a great event in our community; I'm so excited about it and I've been working very closely with Patrice Catan and the people at Catan Fashions and their generosity is unbelievable, and I appreciate the belief they have in me and in Team Strongsville and the vision that we share as a community. Any questions?

Mr. Daymut – Thank you very much, Collette; we appreciate all you do.

Collette Fine – Thank you.

Mr. Daymut – That's the end of our sign-in sheet; if there is anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council, please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Bill Vassil, 18271 Fox Hollow Drive, Strongsville – Bill Vassil, 18271 Fox Hollow Drive. Route 42, Shurmer, down toward the Square we have sewers with covers on them; some of the covers are an inch and a quarter down instead of being even; some are even. Is there a way to fix this?

Mr. Daymut – I'm sure there is a way to fix it, Mr. Vassil; are you requesting a fix for it?

Bill Vassil – Oh, absolutely I'm requesting a fix for it.

Mr. Daymut – Well, you're in luck; we have paper, pencil and our Service Director here this evening, who is taking notes, as I see.

Bill Vassil – I also mentioned to Mr. Walker that by Goldie's the street is falling apart; as soon as the weather clears; it looks pretty bad when people come up from the other end of town to go over to the mall and they see the other side pretty well ripped up with holes in it and etcetera on Route 42. We've got to do something with it, it looks pretty bad. And I know you run over it all the time, Joe.

Mr. Daymut – I do run over it; luckily, I have big tires on my car.

Bill Vassil – You go all the way over, I know you.

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

Mr. Daymut – And I can tell you from personal experience that I have to give our Service Department a lot of credit; I got back from Chicago and believe me, you do not want to drive in Chicago.

Bill Vassil – Oh, Chicago's terrible, I don't want to drive in Chicago; no, I've done that before. But you, you know, you use your Marine intelligence to get over it, right?

Mr. Daymut – Semper Fi.

Bill Vassil – Yes, sir.

Mr. Daymut – Is there anybody else in the audience who would like to address Council this evening?

(No comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2013-075** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1262.04 AND 1262.05 OF CHAPTER 1262 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO REVISE CERTAIN ACCESSORY USES INCLUDING REMOVAL OF RECREATION AND PHYSICAL FITNESS FACILITIES FROM GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (GI) AND GENERAL INDUSTRIAL-A (GI-A) DISTRICTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED. *First reading 03-18-13. Second reading 04-01-13; amended by substitution. Third reading 11-18-13. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 12-05-13. Fourth reading 12-16-13. Public Hearing 01-21-14.*

***Fifth reading; referred to Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee.***

**Ordinance No. 2014-012** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES TO THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 01-21-14.*

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. 2014-012 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2014-015** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NON-EXCLUSIVE RENTAL/OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH THE STRONGSVILLE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR 2014, FOR THE CITY'S FOOTBALL FIELDS LOCATED ON LUNN ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE. *First reading 01-21-14.*

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.

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

**Ordinance No. 2014-015 (cont'd):**

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

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

**Ordinance No. 2014-015 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2014-018** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AT&T (PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS) FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW, UPDATED 911 CALL HANDLING SYSTEM TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S DISPATCH SERVICES, 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. 2014-018 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2014-019** 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 REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 16403 and 16445 PEARL ROAD (PARTS OF PPNS 397-09-009 and 397-09-003), IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION. (J-LIN-J Inc. [Fran and Vince Mancuso], Owner. Proposed rezoning for possible future development.)

***First reading; referred to Planning Commission and to the Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee.***

**Ordinance No. 2014-020** by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN ANDRUS WOODS WESTWOOD FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 16, PHASE II; ACCEPTING CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSTRUCTED THEREIN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTS REQUIRED IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, 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. 2014-020 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2014-021** by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF READY MIX CONCRETE FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*First reading; referred to Public Service and Conservation Committee.*

**Ordinance No. 2014-022** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICE THROUGH 2015 FOR USE BY THE CITY'S SERVICE DEPARTMENT, 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. 2014-022 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2014-023** by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT, 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. 2014-023 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2014-024** by Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUTH SPORTS WEARING APPAREL FOR USE BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF 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. 2014-024 ADOPTED.**



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

**Resolution No. 2014-025** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF A 1.5 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.19(A) AND 5705.191 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, 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.**

**Resolution No. 2014-025 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

Mr. Daymut – We have received correspondence from the Norwood Development Group requesting that the Public Hearing that is scheduled for February 18, 2014 here at Council Chambers for the rezoning request be postponed.

***Motion was made by Mr. Dooner, based upon the letter request of the Owner/Applicant to postpone the Public Hearing scheduled for the Council meeting of February 18, 2014, on the rezoning of Parcel No. 396-14-015, until a new date is set by Council; with the costs of any new notice to be assessed against the applicant. Second by Mr. DeMio.***

***Roll Call: Ayes: None.***

***Nays: Daymut, Dooner, Maloney, Carbone, Schonhut, DeMio, Southworth.***

***Motion failed.***

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Daymut – Is there any miscellaneous business this evening?

Mr. DeMio – Really quick, and the reason my phone was buzzing; Prospect Road south of Albion there is a main break or something, some water break there, and it's eating away part of the sidewalk and the street area. It's still running. I think you knew about it, but it's still running. Okay. It's doing some damage to our stuff.

Mr. Dooner – What was that location again, Joe?

Mr. DeMio – Prospect Road south... or north, I'm sure they meant north, excuse me, of Albion. It'd be north.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Joe. Any other miscellaneous business?

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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

February 18, 2014  
Date of Approval