# SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 2. 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, June 2, 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 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, Building Commissioner Anthony J. Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resources Director Steve Kilo, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Fire Chief Jeff Branic and Police Chief James D. Kobak.

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

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

<u>Finance Committee:</u> Chairman Dooner advised of the upcoming Committee meeting to be held Thursday, June 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference room. Mr. Dooner also recommended suspension and adoption Resolution No. 2014-100, adopting alternative tax budget information for the City of Strongsville for fiscal year 2015.

<u>Planning, Zoning and Engineering</u>: Chairman Maloney recommended Resolution No. 2014-102, confirming Planning Commission approval of the final site plan for an emergency backup generator to be located at 18778 Royalton Rd. (PPN 396-10-014) be placed on second reading because all the paperwork is still not in. Mr. Kraus stated they just wanted to make sure the proper removal bond was in place. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance 2014-115, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for improvements to various streets. Mr. Maloney stated this will be awarded to Konstruction King for \$805,945.00. This is for four concrete streets that will be done. Ordinance 2014-116 is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Foltz Parkway Wetlands Mitigation Project. The contract is with Big Trees Inc., for just under \$113,000.00. Mr. Maloney recommended suspension and adoption for that.

<u>Public Service and Conservation Committee</u>: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2014-117, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for various emergency cleaning, maintenance and repairs to certain city storm sewers, drainage facilities and appurtenances. This is with Lake County Sewer. They have a vactor truck that has an extension that can reach the manholes in the far backyards of residents' homes and be able to clean them out. All seven councilmen's votes will be required for this to pass. Resolution 2014-118 is for transfer of certificates of burial rights for the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery (Kelsey). Mr. Carbone recommended suspension and adoption.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2014-119, amending section 1 and repealing section 2 of Ordinance 2014-094 with regard to an EMS information system utilized by the City's Fire Department. Chief Branic stated they have accepted donations from Southwest General Hospital. After examining the situation a little further, they felt it was in their best interests as a city to push back on the software and the IPads offering that they made to us and to wait and see how things settle out. Chief Branic stated they will still accept the donation of the Lucas Machine which is a device to perform CPR. Mr. Dooner asked why they changed their mind on the software and IPads. Chief Branic stated that after looking at it they were not comfortable with the way things were going with the software. Mr. Kraus stated the company they had intended to contract with has gotten involved in some substantial patent litigation. Due to the fact that the software is very critical to the public health,

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safety and welfare, he feels the Chief made a great decision to go back and stick with the old company. This can reexamined after a year. Resolution 2014-120 is accepting a donation \$2,000.00 from Swagelok Company to be used for education and training purposes for the City's Police and Fire Departments.

<u>Building and Utilities:</u> Chairman Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2014-121, further amending section 822.03 of Chapter 822 of the Codified Ordinances regarding regulation of home sales (garage sales). Mr. Schonhut stated the changes are allowing a resident to have three sales a year and allowing a resident to have a sale for four consecutive days.

<u>Economic Development Committee</u>: Chairman Daymut stated he will give a report of the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting on the floor. The next Committee meeting will be on June 23, 2014.

<u>Committee of the Whole</u>: Mr. Daymut went briefly over the agenda and noted there will be no appointments or confirmations this evening. There will be a motion under Miscellaneous Business to waive permit and inspection fees for residents that have to repair/replace equipment as a result of the recent extreme storms and flooding in the City during May 2014.

Mr. DeMio wanted to let the Mayor know that he did receive phone calls from residents who appreciated him and his administration going out to their homes due to the recent storms. Mr. DeMio also stated that he received another complaint about the stop sign at Heinens. Mayor Perciak stated he would not be able to take that down because it is on private property.

Mayor Perciak stated the City is very fortunate to have Lake County Sewer, but when the residents contact Council or the Administration, they have to be made to understand that the drains must be kept clear of debris and wood piles. Mayor Perciak stated when they removed some of the catch basins; they had two to two and a half feet of debris inside of the sewers. It is up to the individual homeowner to make sure these are kept clear or it will be up to their homeowner's associations. As long as it is in the public right-of-way, the City will continue to go in and clean as many of these as we can for as long as we can. When out at these locations, the Mayor and Councilman Schonhut were advised that these pile ups and debris were even homes for the animals. The Mayor wanted Council to be made aware that they were addressing everything they humanly can to get the areas cleaned up in all of these subdivisions where they have access. This is something that takes time and cooperation. Mayor Perciak stated Ray Jarrett in the Service Department was instrumental in making certain that Lake County Sewer would come out as quickly as possible. So there would be no breakdown in communication, Mayor Perciak also wanted it conveyed to the public that if they have gone in and who have for some reason placed their own drain tiles on their property, it is their responsibility to keep those clear, free of debris, and flowing. It is not the City's responsibility. Mr. Maloney asked in regards to the catch basins in backyards that we are able to get access and check out, is the focus only where we had flooding reports or does the City have documented record of where all those are. Mayor Perciak stated there is a documented record of where we are going because we get billed by street. Mayor Perciak stated they have been on Walnut Creek, Lyons Lane, Blue Spruce, etc. The majority of the work has been done in Ward 4 and in Ward 2. Mr. Maloney stated on the west side of Sherwood there were about nine homes in a row that got flooded. There is a manhole/catch basin in the back of these properties. Mayor Perciak asked the Service Director, Joe Walker to look at this area. Mr. Maloney questioned for the area of Sherwood, how it is determined who has put these drain tiles/catch basins/manhole cover, etc. in-the city or the homeowner. Mr. DeMio commented how Tony Biondillo went to a house due to a complaint he had received about a resident that takes their debris and dumps it. Subsequently, a house two doors down flooded. The resident in question did the same thing this past week even more aggressively. Mayor Perciak stated he has now instructed the Building Commissioner to start citing people for these violations. Mr. Schonhut stated he has seen a lot of common area in the City with this problem and he does hope this gets enforced. He feels it will be difficult to enforce at times

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because people will place the debris into the wide open areas and no one will admit to being the one doing that. Mayor Perciak commented it is not the City's primary purpose to drag people into Mayor's Court or to fine them; they just want the people doing this to clean up the debris. Mr. Carbone stated he was at a house a couple of weeks ago where the gentleman was complaining that his neighbor was dumping debris. Mr. Carbone is in favor of actively citing residents for not cleaning up this debris. Mayor Perciak stated the employees were still out there this weekend working. They also worked Memorial Day weekend. As of now, the cost to the City involving the flood is approximately \$263,000.00.

Mr. DeMio asked the Mayor if he could speak to him before the upcoming Finance Committee meeting to go over what is going to be discussed. Mr. DeMio does not know if he will be able to attend that meeting. Mayor Perciak stated the Finance Director, Joe Dubovec, will be going over where the City is at so far this year. He will be breaking down what our revenue is, what we have spent, and what our anticipated revenue will be going forward. He will also have a projection of the expenses that the City will be incurring as a result of the flood and to continue to do business for the rest of the year. Mayor Perciak stated he as well as the Finance Director would be happy to meet with him if he had any questions and would review anything with him that he would like to go over.

Mr. Kraus stated the lawsuit was filed on the Glenmar (Eversole) property for public nuisance.

# MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 2, 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: Matt Schonhut, Joseph C. DeMio, Duke Southworth, Michael J. Daymut, Kenneth M. Dooner, J. Scott Maloney, and Jim Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Anthony J. Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Fire Chief Jeff Branic and Police Chief James D. Kobak.

#### **COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 19, 2014 were approved as submitted.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:**

#### **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, we had a joint-well combined April and May board meeting. The biggest thing, and this wasn't just Southwest but it's nation-wide, that the patient volumes for the first three month of the year were down. That's Cleveland Clinic, UH (University Hospital), everywhere. So the thought process is that a lot of people have gone to high deductible plans where they are trying to delay coming out with that out of pocket; and now finally in April and May, they can't wait on the health care any longer. The patient volumes are back. The other note that I read about on Thursday was that Southwest was going to be-it might be the site for a regional dispatch center; but the Olmsted Township trustees did not vote to join them. It's one of those things that are evolving and we will see where it goes. That is all that I have for that committee, 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:** Thank you Mr. Daymut. There has not be a regular scheduled school board meeting since our last council meeting; but I do want to congratulate the 2014 graduates of Strongsville High School and I wish them the best of luck in the future.

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

(None)

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, just to add onto Mr. Carbone's report there with the schools, I would like to congratulate one of our colleagues daughters for winning the Student Council President seat for the upcoming year. Haleah DeMio is going to be Student Council President of the entire school for the class of 2015-following in her father's footsteps here. Tonight in Building and Utilities we have Ordinance 2014-121. This is further amending our garage sale ordinance that we looked at a couple of meetings ago. A couple of changes just making it-you can have three a year instead of two and you can have it four consecutive days instead of three. We're going to be suspending and adopting that tonight. That is all I have, I will happily take any questions.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Schonhut, any questions for Mr. Schonhut under Building and Utilities? (None)

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, this committee has no ordinances or resolutions tonight but I will take any questions here.

Mr. Daymut – Are there any questions for Mr. Schonhut?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Mr. Daymut: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I will give a brief report on our meeting of Tuesday, May 27th. Our next business breakfast meeting will be September 18th. The sponsor will be Cuyahoga Community College, the Western Campus. They will also be the speaker at that particular event. At the September breakfast meeting we are accepting nominations for Innovation Awards as we always give those in September. Anyone that would be aware of someone who would deserve an Innovation Award, please contact myself or Brent Painter. We did receive a report from the Tech Committee and Ed Oliveros. We are pursuing a tour of NASA sometime this fall. The Polaris tour that some of the committee members were able to attend on Thursday, May 15th was reviewed. It was just an excellent tour. We learned an awful lot, there is some real innovation going on at Polaris. It is a great asset for Strongsville and the other communities that they serve. Brent Painter did give us a report. He was able to attend a meeting at Advance Manufacturing at Cuyahoga Community College, the main campus; and there was a job summit there which he attended and we appreciated that. The Business Expo-we have now set the date as November 6<sup>th</sup> for that particular event. Anyone interested, any business in town interested in not only attending but showing their wares at that particular expo, please contact Brent Painter. The tables are very reasonable. You will receive an awful lot of advertisement thanks to the Mayor and his team who put that together. This is going to be a first come first serve basis, very popular event. We did receive a Strongsville business update. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here in the Council Chambers. Are there any questions for myself? That's the end of my report.

Mayor Perciak – Just one comment Mr. President as far as the sponsorship of Community College of our fall breakfast. The purpose of their sponsoring it is for them to demonstrate to all of our business men and women as to how they can interact with them and provide course studies for their employees or provide the technical training and skills for each and every one of their employees. We want to be clear, Mr. Painter and myself, as every time we invite either a sponsor or a guest speaker and they accept, it has to be business orientated and they have to demonstrate as to how they can come to the needs of the business men and business women in our community. Without that, we need to refer them to another agency or something for their public speaking purposes. For this one specifically, and because we have done some assessments with our local employers requesting aide and help in specific fields, this is why we have invited Community College in to be our quest speaker that day, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor

**FINANCE - Mr. Dooner:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. The Finance Committee has this evening Resolution 2014-100. This is a resolution adopting alternative tax budget information for the City of Strongsville for the fiscal year 2015. This is in preparing our budget for 2015. The recommendation is suspension and adoption.

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

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. I'll just take a quick moment here before I get into the Planning update to put in our plug for the city-wide garage sale. Again, this is the last time we get to remind folks in town that this our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual now; it used to start in Ward 4 but all the Ward Councilmen, myself, Mr. Carbone, Mr. Schonhut, Mr. Daymut work together every year to provide this service for residents. We've been getting great feedback the last couple of years that they really appreciate having everybody do that on the same weekend every year. It's June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. A couple of improvements for this year-the permit fees are now waived for that sale. You can register online and there is a map that shows all the locations for people who register, it shows a list of all the sales which handy for people who want to print that out and use it as a reference going around town. We always try to get awareness in the papers: Cleveland.com, The Post, Craig's List, Facebook, and so on. We get a lot of awareness out there and a big turn-out. Hopefully, people hearing this will think about cleaning some things out and participating. I did thank one member of our technology team last time. I also wanted to thank Debbie Palmer. I understand she also did a lot of work to get all the bells and whistles on the website so I wanted to extend the thanks to her as well. That's it on the garage sale.

For Planning, Zoning and Engineering, I've got three items: Resolution 2014-102 is to confirm Planning Commission approval of the final site plan a diesel emergency backup generator tied to a telecommunications tower. We're still waiting for a removal bond to be in place for that project which is very important. We always want to make sure we have that so we are going to have to place this on second reading until that gets taken care of; and refer back to committee. Ordinance 2014-115 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for improvements to various streets in Strongsville tied to our Pavement Reconstruction. This is for four concrete streets. Last time we authorized to go out to bid. We've now selected Konstruction King, the amount is \$805,945.00. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on that item. Third, Ordinance 2014-116 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Foltz Parkway Wetlands Mitigation project. That came in just under \$113,000.00, and the recommendation is to suspend and adopt on that as well. That concludes my report for Planning. I'll be happy to take 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. We have two pieces of legislation. Ordinance 2014-119 and Resolution 2014-120. Ordinance 2014-119 is a just amending the old ordinance that we created for the EMS donation from Southwest Hospital. We're going to hold off on a couple of items there. The resolution is Swagelok is for donating a thousand dollars for our safety forces. I believe Mayor they helped us last year too, did they not?

Mayor Perciak – Correct Mr. DeMio and it's a thousand for police and a thousand for fire.

Mr. DeMio – So that's great news.

Mayor Perciak – and a thousand for fireworks

Mr. DeMio – Nice plug there. Other than that, we had a little discussion in back and there are no other pertinent issues to this committee, both of which are suspension and adoption. There's nothing else, Mike, do you want to close the committee?

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone:** Thank you Mr. Daymut. I have one ordinance, one resolution-Ordinance 2014-117; this is a very important ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lake County Sewer, not to exceed \$100,000.00. With this ordinance, approving it, is allowing the Mayor to do is to contract with them so we can get some vactor trucks back in our neighborhoods and they have an extension on them. Our vactor trucks have been cleaning out the storm sewers and the streets. This truck will go to the rear of the property, to the catch basins, and continue to clear out more debris.

Mayor Perciak – and the public right-of-way

Mr. Carbone – and the public right-of-way-One side note with this...we're trying to take steps forward to reduce the flooding for our neighbors. One thing that was brought up in caucus by Mr. DeMio was, and I think it's something that we all have been experiencing, is some of our neighbors dumping their debris in the creeks and in the sewers. It may be convenient for some of our neighbors to do this, but it's causing issues to our other neighbors downstream. Again, Mr. DeMio had told a story about how one resident was doing it, and two doors down another resident flooded. Now, I don't think any of our neighbors would purposefully do this, but really we have to take a hard look and we really have to make sure that this is not happening. We are looking upon all our residents to police it in a way so this doesn't happen. Again, Mr. Maloney-Mayor you were out there, you witnessed this happening Mr. Schonhut, Mr. DeMio...I mean we're trying to take steps forward and this is another little step that we can take to move forward to hopefully eliminate some of the flooding. Getting back to Ordinance 2014-117, the recommendation here is to suspend and adopt and we need all seven on this. Lastly this evening for me, Resolution 2014-118; this is transferring certain certificates burial rights in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. The recommendation here also is to suspend and adopt, and that's all this evening.

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

Mr. DeMio – Just briefly, Mayor, or Mike...Mayor, I apologize, I meant to mention this in back-some trees on Crystal Creek are not doing well. One neighbor...

Mayor Perciak – Let me tell you, we had some in Chandler Commons that weren't doing so well either. They are no longer there.

Mr. DeMio – A couple of the neighbors, at least...

Mayor Perciak – Let me know which ones.

Mr. DeMio – Well, as you know Crystal Creek houses only has about twelve homes. I'm betting seven of the trees are dead.

Mayor Perciak – We'll take care of that.

Mr. DeMio – I'm sure you will. One of the neighbors chopped it down.

Mayor Perciak – Oh my

Mr. DeMio – So we can only put them in. We hope that they will survive and it doesn't seem like they have. That's all I have.

Mr. Daymut - Thank you Mr. DeMio, any other questions for Mr. Carbone?

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, we do not have any ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I would like to say that the baseball uniforms look great. I know Joe has got a team, I've got a couple of teams and they really look great and the kids enjoy playing. The other thing, and I know we congratulated the Strongsville High School students that graduated; there are a lot of kids that don't go to Strongsville High School that graduated. They need to be congratulated too, their parents put forth a great deal of effort just like everybody else and we should recognize all the graduates. That is all that I have for this evening.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, thank you for bringing it to our attention Mr. Southworth.

Mr. DeMio – I think it's because Jim took six or seven years to graduate from High School so...

Mr. Carbone – I liked it.

Mr. DeMio – Ms. Ludwig is in the audience, she's going to write this down so next time you speak at the school board they'll ask you how many years you've been there now.

Mr. Dooner – She's going to make sure he graduated.

Mr. DeMio – Yes

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

(None)

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

(None)

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

Mayor Perciak: Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone. Several statements this evening and the first one I want to be very specific on because it applies to the storm and the bad weather that we sustained a couple of weeks back. I want to thank Chief Branic for assisting me and assisting our community as far as FEMA is concerned. The bottom line as far as FEMA is concerned-the City of Strongsville is not eligible. Individual assistance, accumulative damage to individual properties, although significant, did not reach the threshold prescribed by the State to award disaster relief grants. Therefore, no individual assistance grant funds are available to our residents or any residents of Cuyahoga County. As we were told, this storm affected approximately six major communities in Cuyahoga County or only six major communities have applied for assistance so as of this moment, there are no funds available for Cuyahoga County. However, Governor Kasich did proclaim a state of declaration of disaster for Lorain County. As a result, homeowners, business owners, and renters who suffered property damage in Lorain County may be eligible to receive low interest loans from the small business administration for repair or replacement of both real and personal property as a result of the flooding. By law adjoining counties, which are Cuyahoga County and the City of Strongsville, are included in the eligibility. Affected residents may choose to apply for those low interest rate loans.

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

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) - As soon as that information becomes available, we will put it out either on our website, we will announce it here in Council, we will do a news release as soon as this all becomes available. But as of today, the determination has been made by FEMA that we here in the City of Strongsville are not eligible or I should say County of Cuyahoga is not eligible of which Strongsville is a part of. That's the first thing tonight.

Secondly, on Friday I'm proud to announce that we here in the City of Strongsville will be the host community for the Northeast Ohio Regional Summit that's going to be right here at our Ehrnfelt Center. This summit, this forum, will bring together local elected civic and community leaders within the state, and federal policy makers to seek bipartisan solutions to the unique but common challenges facing the regions established suburbs, towns, villages, and smaller cities around issues of transportation and water infrastructure investments. When this first came to us, we kind of said, "Well, what is this all about", and I was invited to participate. When it was all said and done, that whole meeting was moved here. As of this afternoon we have over a hundred and how many Brian?

#### Mr. Bogre – A hundred and ten

Mayor Perciak – About a hundred and ten people attending. This is Mayor's from all around Northeast Ohio, our State Senator Tom Patton, and it goes on. But the matter of the fact is this think tank with the help of Cleveland State University, Akron University, all of that is going to be going on here Friday. This is a step in the right direction for community leaders to come together in a bipartisan way and sort through some of our issues as far as infrastructure and transportation and water problems and all of that. This will begin at 10:00a.m. at the Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center and should conclude by 3:30p.m. on Friday. Any questions please contact my office or please feel free to contact Bryan Bogre at the Recreation Center; but truly, this is a step in the right direction for all elected local leaders to come together under one roof. What I want to stress, that roof they are coming under is the roof of the City of Strongsville. We want to make certain that everyone is aware of what we are trying to do here in our community to make certain that Strongsville is in the leadership role in determining where our future may take us.

Next, I would like to thank everybody who participated in the Memorial Day parade- our VFW and anybody in any way who was a part of putting the program together. I'd also like to thank our school kids, our Mustang marching band. They are an integral part of what goes on in that Memorial Day parade. These kids, they give up hours of their time on Memorial Day, especially our seniors who we know are graduating and have other things to do, but so many came. Literally hundreds showed, thousands probably showed, and that is a true tribute to the veterans, to those who have gave up the life serving our county. I want to extend my personal thank you to everyone who in any way participated. What was really, really heartwarming as we walked the parade route and as we came closer to the Freedom Trail was all the little ones standing there waving their flags, saluting. Even people brought their family pet there and they sat there, and the quiet, the respect, the stillness was absolutely unbelievable. To everyone in our community, I want to thank you. I can't put it in words as to how proud I was again of our community of Strongsville. The people of this community continue to stand tall. For that, congratulations and thanks.

One last announcement, our Rib Burnoff begins again, another fine community event where all of our residents come together and our business men and women. This will begin right here on our commons on June 19<sup>th</sup>, that's a Thursday, Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and will conclude on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. It's a three day event. So again, that's June 19<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and June 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. President that concludes my report.

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

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

(None)

**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 – Any questions for Mr. Dubovec this evening?

(None)

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus:** I only would like to report that all ordinances and resolutions before Council this evening 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 our agenda for audience participation. Comments from members from the audience shall be limited to five minutes. We do have a sign-in list. We have George Kapcar, please state your name and address for the record when you come up to the podium.

George Kapcar, 15786 Prospect Road, Strongsville, OH - Good evening, my name is George Kapcar; and I'm a forty-one year resident of 15786 Prospect Road here in Strongsville-forty-one years this month. Prior to the enclosing of the creek that runs westerly along Lunn Road, West Lunn, back to the Service Department-prior to that time we lived through storms where water...we sit a hundred feet back from the road. Water ran from the south through the storm ditch that runs along Prospect Road on the west side. Overflowing, water running up against our house, up against the front door, across the garage and in to the driveway and on down to our neighbors. We're four houses south of West Lunn. When the creek that runs along West Lunn which is- the bridge is just south of the traffic light of West Lunn-when that creek was enclosed, the very first thing that happened three years ago in 2011, and it was either February or March, we had in the past I can remember in the 70's two years, especially one year where we had a ten foot wall of snow in the back of our house three feet off our house there was a little rain, but we had enough snow that our kids could have sled rode off the roof of our house. That water never backed up while that creek was open-never. We lived through storms since 1973, no water. In 1973 when we bought the house we didn't know we had a septic tank. I asked the wrong question when we bought the house. Are there sanitary sewers? The answer was "Yes". I didn't ask if we were hooked up-very wrong question to ask our attorney told me. In 2011 when that storm happened and we had a foot of snow on the ground and it rained all night, and for the first time since we've lived there in 1973 Lunn Road It had never flooded before. I say the sewers are inadequate. Along Ashley Oaks/Volunteer Park, that's all enclosed now-never had we had what we had in 2011. The water backed up through the septic tank and we had septic tank water in the basement. I thought that was bad, I really did. By the end of 2011 we had a connection which is on the opposite side of the street installed, thank you Mayor Perciak, because we paid the taxes for thirty-nine years on the sewers and we never used them and the Mayor was gracious enough to have that installed for us.

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

Mr. Kapcar (cont'd) - By September 2012 we had over \$20,000.00 worth of work done. We abandoned the septic tank because of that backup. We had basement walls reinforced; we had footer drains put in. Three weeks ago, now hooked up to the sanitary sewers and far worse, hundreds of times far worse than the septic tank that i...rose over a foot of water of sanitary water where feces and everything else in our basement. I'm being told, and the Sewer Department has been very cooperative-they've been there, they've been trying to help, but I'm, being told that Lunn Road flooding has nothing to do with it and Lunn Road flooded again. We went from a septic tank storm water backup to a sanitary sewer backup. I'd of taken the storm water septic tank backup way over what we had in our basement three weeks ago. I contend that the sewer that runs along Lunn Road is not adequate enough and I've been told that it doesn't matter that the storm was way far worse that any storm sewer can handle or sanitary...and I'm being told that there's no storm water going into the sanitary line. Well, if there's extra water in the sanitary line causing the backup, and I'm not the only one that had the backup on Prospect Road, then where is the water coming from? Why was there extra water in the sanitary line that caused-and then I thought well maybe when they installed my line, our line, they put it lower because I called my neighbor on the north of me because our sewer runs north and I said "Alicia, do you have water?", and she said "No", but she also has a sump pump. She had no water, but twenty minutes later or a half hour later she called me and said, "George, I got a foot of water in my basement". The house right on the corner of Lunn Road and Prospect Road, a young couple just bought the house. I talked to her tonight; they had over a foot of water in their basement, sanitary. The house two houses away she has a sump pump and it didn't fail. I found out through cooperation with the Sewer Department they ran a camera with me in the truck and we're connected into the top of the sewer. Now, if we're not getting extra sewer water from Lunn Road into the sanitary line just like we did into the storm line, they how in the world did sanitary water? Did everybody decide to take showers and flush toilets and run their water and fill that sanitary line to the point where the top of the sanitary line was flooding our basement? It makes no sense other than every time Lunn road has flooded, twice now, because of a sewer that was installed we have had problems; and we thought we took take care of it. By the way, we put a backflow valve in. We paid extra to put a backflow valve in, that's why we spent over \$20,000.00 at the end of 2012, to have this happen.

Mr. Daymut – Okay George, and I appreciate it, but we do have a five minute limit.

Mr. Kapcar – Oaky, somebody needs to do something about Lunn road and the sewer along Lunn Road.

Mayor Perciak – If it is in fact something that we can fix in our side, if it's a sanitary situation like you said, we're going to get on it; even if we have to go out to bid and hire a contractor. But, we can't have sanitary sewer backup of that magnitude in your basement period. We do have a sanitary sewer fund which we all pay into, and I don't know if this is an engineering situation Joe or Ken or what it is, but we're going to get to the bottom of this.

Mr. Kapcar – Thank you, and I thank Scott Maloney, I talked to him about this as well.

Mayor Perciak – We'll get to the bottom of it George. I can't begin to understand what and how without talking to the two engineers but give us a couple of days here to see what we can do and we'll do whatever we can if it's possible to remediate that situation.

Mr. Kapcar – Thank you

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

Mr. Daymut – Thank you George. That's everyone that signed in, is there any other one in the audience that would like to address Council this evening? Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

(No comments)

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 2014-100 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Dooner. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading 05-19-14.

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 age and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Resolution No. 2014-100 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2014-102 by Mr. Maloney. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE ADDITION AND INSTALLATION OF A DIESEL EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR AND CONCRETE SLAB IN CONNECTION WITH AN EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18778 ROYALTON ROAD (PPN 396-10-014) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE. First reading 05-19-14. Second reading 06-02-14.

Placed on second reading and referred back to committee.

<u>Ordinance No. 2014-115</u> by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR 2014, 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. 2014-115 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2014-116</u> by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE FOLTZ PARKWAY WETLANDS MITIGATION PROJECT, 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 age and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-116 ADOPTED.

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

<u>Ordinance No. 2014-117</u> by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND MAKE PAYMENTS FOR VARIOUS EMERGENCY CLEANING, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS TO CERTAIN CITY STORM SEWERS, DRAINAGE FACILITIES AND APPURTENANCES, 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 age and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-117 ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 2014-118** by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY [Kelsey].

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 age and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2014-118 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2014-119</u> by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 AND REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-094 WITH REGARD TO THE EMS INFORMATION SYSTEM UTILIZED BY THE CITY'S FIRE 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. 2014-119 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2014-120 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TWO DONATIONS OF \$1,000.00 EACH FROM SWAGELOK COMPANY TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO BE USED FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE STRONGSVILLE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

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. 2014-120 ADOPTED.

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## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

<u>Ordinance No. 2014-121</u> by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 822.03 OF CHAPTER 822 OF TITLE TWO OF PART EIGHT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE REGARDING REGULATION OF HOME SALES, 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 age and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-121 ADOPTED.

### **COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

(None)

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Carbone - Yes Mr. Daymut?

Mr. Daymut – Yes Mr. Carbone?

Mr. Carbone – Mr. DeMio and anybody else, Mrs. Kapcar was one of my teachers, so if anybody has any questions how I was in high school I'm sure she'd love to answer any of those questions.

\*Motion by Mr. Dooner and seconded by Mr. DeMio to authorize the Mayor and the Building Commissioner to waive any permit and inspection fees of any City of Strongsville residents who find it necessary to replace or repair equipment, including but not limited to water heaters, furnaces and/or other storm and/or sanitary sewer appurtenances, as a result of the recent extreme storms and flooding occurring within the City during May, 2014.\*

All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

June 16, 2014 Date of Approval