# SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2015.

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**, *October 5, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.* 

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

Also present: City Planner, George Smerigan

Council President Daymut called the caucus to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Discussion pertaining to Ordinance No. 2015-008 regarding the 2015 update of the City's Comprehensive Plan:

Mr. Daymut introduced Mr. Smerigan, the City Planner, and invited Council to discuss any questions they might have regarding the 2015 update of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Smerigan advised the redevelopment areas have now been added to the update. Mr. Carbone stated he would like to see a more detailed plan that gives a better footprint moving forward. Mr. Carbone advised he has reviewed other city's plans and they are very detailed. He wants developers to be able to see what the city's expectations are pertaining to residential/commercial/retail/industrial development. Mr. Carbone feels with future development, if it's not spelled out in the plan, then the guidelines will be overlooked or missed. Mr. Schonhut advised he looked at the plan again after the initial review meeting and came to the conclusion that the plan is too vague. Mr. Schonhut then referred to "Article 3" of Solon's Master plan and commented that their one Article is bigger than Strongsville's plan as a whole. He stated Solon spells out every single district, what their expectations are, where sidewalks are missing, what their priorities are going to be, etc. They have also included ways and means to go back and revisit development areas. Mr. Schonhut believes this is the way progressive cities are heading and would like to see Strongsville do this. Mr. Schonhut advised the City of Beachwood updated their plan in August 2014 and he believes they received grant dollars to help pay for the update. Mr. Schonhut believes the City of Strongsville will be able to obtain grant funding as well. He noted Mr. Smerigan has helped Beachwood to update their plan. Mr. Smerigan stated that this project was taken on simply as an update to the existing plan, not as a complete revision of the whole plan. Mr. Smerigan advised to do more extensive work involving the update will take more time and more money. Mr. Smerigan advised Beachwood hired the County Planning Commission to work in conjunction with city staff to do their plan. He advised he could get copies for Council of Beachwood's plan along with the costs involved. Mr. Kraus feels a good comprehensive plan is not intended to be a real detailed, specific document. The plan should be more of a guideline to show where you're headed in terms of generalities of certain areas of the city. Mr. Schonhut asked if there are any restrictions on how often the plan can be revisited. Mr. Kraus advised there are no restrictions; the plan can be looked at yearly, every other year, etc. Mr. Kraus advised that due to a legal standpoint, it would be in Council's best interest to pass this plan update now; then in the future Council can look into making the plan more detailed. Mr. DeMio stated he would like to know what it would cost the city to do a study and hire personnel to make the plan more detailed. In response to

Mr. Kraus's earlier comments Mr. DeMio questioned what zoning cases have the city ever won with the City's current plan. Mr. Kraus could not recollect, but stated what is important now is to have an updated plan in place and until this passes, the city doesn't. Mr. Maloney did not see any reason to not adopt the plan now. He stated there were valuable changes made to the plan and they should be in place as soon as possible to protect the city from a legal standpoint. He also commented that Council could still look into the future of modifying the plan again. Mr. Carbone asked if having the NOACA study in the plan prior to approval would be beneficial in terms of future grant dollars. Mayor Perciak did not feel the study would be helpful. He stated that study was specific to a designated area. Mr. Daymut stated he was a part of implementing this plan in the eighties, along with Bob Hill, the past City Planner, and various residents. He feels that if the plan is going to be looked at in the future, he would like to see residents be able to help with this and give their opinion. Mr. Carbone agreed with that; he feels residents can provide very useful information. Mayor Perciak commented that any part of the Comprehensive Plan a developer has not liked, the City has been challenged in court. Therefore, if Council is going to be doing modifications, he wants to make sure the modified plan has been tried and tested (there has been court case precedence). The Mayor feels the plan with the updates it has now should be adopted and Council can modify later if they wish to. Mr. Smerigan agreed with adopting the plan now and modifying later if need be. Mr. DeMio would like to delay voting until Council can find out what the future costs will be to modify the plan. He would also like the Mayor and Council to appoint some residents to help with the plan and give their input. Mr. Kraus wanted to make sure Council understands the plan is not intended to be a substitute for the codified ordinances the city has in place. He again urged Council, for protection of the City, to adopt the plan in the next couple of weeks and revisit later if need be. Mr. Daymut advised Council will discuss this matter at next meeting's caucus when they have a cost presented to them. Mr. Carbone stated other cities must see the value in making their plans as detailed as possible.

<u>Finance Committee:</u> Chairman Dooner advised Mr. Dubovec, the Finance Director, will have the preliminary 2016 budget files to give Council by the next Council meeting. Mr. Dooner stated he will be having a finance committee meeting in the near future to discuss this. Mr. Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance Nos. 2015-209 and 2015-210. These are ordinances pertaining to the issuance and sale of 2009 bonds. Mr. Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-211; authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into agreement(s) to purchase property-casualty and related insurance coverages. All seven votes of Council are needed to pass this legislation. Ordinance No. 2015-212 pertains to a contract for a comprehensive health benefits plan for city employees for the year 2016. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that ordinance.

<u>Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee</u>: Chairman Maloney advised Ordinance No. 2015-213 is to rezone real estate located at 15733 Pearl Road, being a portion of PPN 397-01-012, and additional property at 18485 Shurmer Road, being all of PPN 397-01-23, from R1-75 (One Family 75) classification to PF (Public Facilities) classification. Ordinance No. 2015-214 coincides with that ordinance and is to rezone real estate located at 15733 Pearl Road, being a portion of PPN 397-01-012 from GB (General Business) classification to PF (Public Facilities) classification. These properties are owned by Altenheim. Both will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission for their recommendation. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Resolution No. 2015- 215, a resolution confirming Planning Commission approval of the final site plan for a parking lot addition at the existing La Chaperone Rouge day care facility located at 14780 Pearl Road.

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<u>Public Safety and Health Committee:</u> Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-216; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Chairman of the District Advisory Council of the Cuyahoga County General Health District for health services for the year 2016. Mayor Perciak stated this was the same price as before.

<u>Public Service and Conservation Committee:</u> Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-217; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of one John Deere 4044R compact utility tractor to be used by the service department. This will include a trade-in and credit for one obsolete John Deere 4044R compact utility tractor.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised the next committee meeting will be Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Ehrnfelt Senior Center.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Daymut advised Ordinance Nos. 2015-195 and 2015-196 will be amended by substitution then adopted as amended. These pertain to the Westwood Commons public improvement tax increment financing (TIF) as well as the development agreement with Cameron-Allie Development Group LLC, the developer for Westwood Commons. Ordinance No. 2015-208 will be placed on second reading. This is an ordinance enacting new Chapter 881 of Title Four of Part Eight of the City's Codified Ordinances providing for imposition and regulation of the municipal income tax applicable to tax years commencing January 1, 2106; and restating the current Chapter 880 to remain effective and applicable for municipal income tax years prior to January 1, 2016. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-218; authorizing the City through the Mayor and Finance Director to allocate and appropriate up to \$25,000,00 for expenditures for the City's 2016 Bicentennial Celebration. Mr. Schonhut advised he will not be in favor of passing this ordinance. Mr. Daymut asked if anyone else objected to this legislation; no one commented. The agenda was amended to add Ordinance Nos. 2015-219 and 2015-220. Both of these ordinances are to purchase electricity for city municipal buildings from Direct Energy Business. LLC. Ordinance No. 2015-219 is for a one month agreement and Ordinance No. 2015-220 is for a three year agreement. Suspension and adoption was recommended for both ordinances and all seven votes of Council are required to pass them.

Mr. Carbone asked Building Commission Tony Biondillo if Council could revisit our code section pertaining to permits issued for temporary placement of signs in front of business establishments. Mr. Biondillo commented that this is an issue where you can see both sides. The business owners can have difficulty advertising, especially if they are in a plaza that doesn't have frontage along their storefront. The other side is it becomes an issue having too many temporary signs outside of the right-of-way. Mr. Carbone advised he has received complaints of these signs in the last couple of weeks. While driving around the City, Mr. Carbone noticed forty-seven signs out on Pearl Road from Drake Road to Westwood Road. In driving through other communities (Fairview Park, North Olmsted, North Ridgeville), Mr. Carbone only observed three signs out. Mr. Carbone feels too many signs compromise the integrity of the City. Mayor Perciak advised the businesses come in and get permits for the signs. They are supposed to take them down at night. In the past, city workers have gone around and picked up the signs if they haven't been taken down; but that can pose a bigger issue. The Mayor believes either we allow all of the temporary signs or none at all to avoid complications. Mr. Carbone agreed with Mayor Perciak. Mr. Daymut commented that it's one thing for the City to support local businesses and another thing to see a number of signs like "Going Out of Business". Joe Walker, the Service Director advised they pick signs like that up if they are not in compliance with our Code. Mr. Carbone asked if there has been an increase for permits for temporary signs. Mr. Biondillo stated yes there has been an increase. Mr. Kraus advised that the sign ordinance has been updated to meet the constitutional standards. He recommended using caution when making updates to ensure it doesn't infringe on business owners First Amendment Minutes Regular Council Meeting Held on October 19, 2015 - Page 4

# MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2015 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

## CALL TO ORDER:

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

### CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

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

## ROLL CALL:

**Present: Council Members:** Matthew A. Schonhut, Joseph C. DeMio, Duke Southworth, Michael J. Daymut, Kenneth M. Dooner, J. Scott Maloney, and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Communication and Technology Director John Bedford, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Service Director Joe Walker, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

### COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 5, 2015 were approved as submitted.

# Motion made by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to amend the agenda to include Ordinance Nos. 2015-219 and 2015-220. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

### APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

(None)

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

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth:** Thank you, Mr. Daymut. We have not had a regular board meeting for Southwest; although we did have a special board meeting regarding the President and CEO. I am not at liberty to say how that went; they are still-Southwest has four different boards that had to go through, so it's making its way through there. Good news, at our next meeting I should have an announcement regarding that. That is all that I have for this evening. If there are any other questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Southworth. We look forward to the announcement. Any questions for Mr. Southworth this evening?

(None)

SCHOOL BOARD - Mr. Carbone: Thank you Mr. Daymut, at the last Thursday school board meeting the school board decided to place a \$500,000.00 placeholder for technology with the new construction of the middle school and high school. Part of that package was a lot of technology that we haven't had in Strongsville for guite some time. What they want to do is secure the technology for the kids moving forward; in doing that, they want to put a \$500,000.00 placeholder. Strongsville City Schools now are officially a smoke free campus. Thank you to the Strongsville High School Student Council; over the last two years they raised on their own \$18,000.00-\$20,000.00 for sixty new Chromebooks; congratulations again. The board also approved the \$54,000.00 changeover. This is to light up the student parking lot. Initially it came in at over \$120,000.00. The bulk of that amount was because they had to run a wire from the high school to the parking lot. Then somebody came up with the idea of running it from the preschool right on Lunn Road to the parking lot, so it cut the cost tremendously. That's a much needed...we start early and our students arrive early. To have a nice illuminated parking lot would be nice for our students. Then, this Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. GPD who are the architects for the middle school and high school are going to be holding tours at the middle school. They are actually going to have their staff on hand where they could-they will walk you through the building and show you different parts. You can really see how that is progressing. That's all I have this evening.

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

(None)

## **BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:**

\* See Communications and Technology Committee below \*

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, I have no ordinances or resolutions for either committee, but I will happily take any questions.

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

### (None)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut:** We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I would like to also announce for those who do not know, and everyone should by now, Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> we will have our Strongsville Community Business Expo from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. I understand almost all the tables are filled, a number of around a hundred and twenty. Please visit the site, it is all free. Our main speaker and master of ceremony will be Mike Snyder, so we may get some information about sports at that particular event. We look forward to everyone attending that evening. The recreation center will be closed early to accommodate all the people who will attend. Our next meeting will be next Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center. That's all I have under Economic Development. Any questions for myself?

(None)

**FINANCE – Mr. Daymut:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have Ordinance No. 2015-209. This is an ordinance for the issuance and sale of bonds for the purpose of paying costs for advance refunding of certain bonds for series 2009 for street improvements. This is just a precautionary measure in case the market turns, where it is worthwhile to sell the bonds, we will be prepared to be able to do that. Also we have Ordinance No. 2015-210. This is the same thing; this is for the sale of bonds for the purpose of renovating and construction. Again, these are 2009 series bonds that we would pay off early if the timing is right. Again, the recommendation is suspension and adoption. Then we have Ordinance No. 2015-211; this is authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement to purchase property casualty and related insurance coverages. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. Then we have Ordinance No. 2015-212; this is for comprehensive health benefits for city employees for the year 2016. This was also recommended to suspend and adopt. That is all we have Mr. Daymut.

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

(None)

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney:** Thank you Mr. Daymut. We have a few items appearing before Council this evening. The first is Ordinance No. 2015-213; another ordinance to amend our zoning map. In this case, it would be for a couple of parcels where they are proposing a change from R1-75 to public facility. Likewise, Ordinance No. 2015-214 is related to this same proposal. This would be to change a parcel from general business to public facility. All these are tied to Altenheim having come forward and they have got some expansion plans that they are evaluating and they want to get all the zoning set up appropriately before they move forward. Both of these will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission. The third item is Resolution No. 2015-215. This is to confirm Planning Commission's approval of the final site plan for a parking lot addition of the existing Le Chaperone Rouge day care facility on Pearl Road. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on this item. That's all I have, I'll be happy to take any questions.

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

(None)

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio:** Very quickly, I just have Ordinance No. 2015-216 to help what I call the old Health Department. The ordinance remains the same in funding for us to purchase the contracts. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. What I do want to say and I know the Mayor would probably echo my thoughts, as a councilman or a resident you can call the health department with your concerns at any time. I've had experience a few years ago just with the midges when they were out and they actually came out and gave us the proper diagnosis- the bird flu or whatever that was actually called, but you can reach out to them. In fact, one of their core members lives in Ward 3 right off Coopers Run. We would just like to suspend and adopt that Mike. I think we were pretty good with everything else.

Mayor Perciak – We just have one thing to add on to public safety. Chief Draves...

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

Mr. Draves – Yes Mayor and Councilmembers, I don't know if you know this but you should of received at home probably this weekend the "Southwest Today" pamphlet. On the cover it details one of our residents. On page four and five there is a short article about him. He actually had chest pain and went into cardiac arrest at home. Our paramedics resuscitated him and took him to Southwest where he underwent treatment there and he recovered well. It's all about his road to recovery if you will. I just want to highlight that and what our paramedics did and what Southwest continues to do; so they are a great asset for our community. I just wanted to highlight that for everybody.

Mayor Perciak – And if you get a chance to see the article and read it, it really goes into detail as to how critical the patient was, our resident, and due to the expertise of our EMS/Firefighters in the squad that day. Because of our advanced technology we were able to stabilize the patient, get him to the hospital, and then they were able to do what was needed – go ahead John.

Mr. Draves – Bring him back from the dead. He had no pulse and wasn't breathing. We were able to resuscitate him successfully. We gave him a second chance at life.

Mayor Perciak – I just want to extend to you and to your entire staff and your team and to each and every member of our paramedic/firefighter staff congratulations because this is one of the stories that says it all as to why and how important training is and everything that we invest in these men and all the time that is taken to train our people because yes it's one life, but how many other lives were so close that you guys were able to bring normalcy, not only to that person's life, but stabilized their families and everything else; so thank you from all of us.

Mr. Draves – No problem.

Mr. DeMio – and Mayor just to add on to that, and I don't know the whole story, I see that Duke here has the article, but that is one of many stories that go out throughout the year. We have to also include our great police department. Often times, they are the first group that gets there along with the great staff of the firefighting/paramedic team.

Mayor Perciak – To make sure that everybody understands – I mean, when we talk about the big chunk that we spend on safety of our general fund you can see at the end of the day it does pay off and it is money well spent. As you alluded to earlier Joe, our first responder is the police officers too. You know, they walk into some situations just like they did today, some sad situations, and they have to deal with that also. I think the family knows what I am talking about and we extend our sympathies to that family for their loss.

Mr. DeMio – With that Mike I don't think we have any other questions so I will close the committee.

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

(None)

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, one ordinance this evening-Ordinance No. 2015-217. This is to enter into a State Administrative Service Contract to purchase one new John Deere 4044R compact facility tractor. Then also take into credit for the obsolete John Deere tractor. The price is not to exceed \$1,500.00. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt.

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

(None)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth:** Thank you Mr. Daymut. We do not have any resolutions or ordinances on this evening's agenda. But 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)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Daymut:** We have Ordinance No. 2015-195 and we will amend that by substitution. It did receive a favorable recommendation. That's for the Westwood Commons TIF (tax increment financing). We also have Ordinance No. 2015-196. That will also be amended by substitution. It received a favorable recommendation. That's for a project development agreement with Cameron-Allie Development Group LLC, also for the project I just mentioned, Westwood Commons. We have Ordinance No. 2015-208; that will be placed on second reading and that's our new Chapter 881 of the regulation of the municipal income tax. Ordinance No. 2015-218 received a favorable recommendation. That's allocating funds for the 2016 Strongsville Bicentennial Celebration. Also, Ordinance 2015-219 added-on, it received a favorable recommendation. That's for electric purchase for one month from Direct Energy for the recreation service department and the police department. Also added on is Ordinance No. 2015-220. It received a favorable recommendation. That's for electric rates for the next three years supplying all our municipal buildings from Direct Energy. That's all I have this evening under Committee of the Whole. Any questions for myself?

(None)

# <u>REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS</u> <u>AND OTHER OFFICERS:</u>

**Mayor Perciak:** Yes, thank you Mr. President, just a couple of quick announcements. One, the tree lighting and Santa is coming to town. Santa will come to town here on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Again, on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the kick-off of our Christmas holiday season here in Strongsville on the commons. We look forward to another happy day on the commons with all of our families. I want to personally thank each and every donor for making that evening again possible. I especially would like to thank the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce and the Strongsville City Club for their generosity in helping make that quite an eventful night because without their generosity we could not make that come together as we do. Then as alluded to earlier by our Council President, our Business Expo-quite an interesting evening; we have probably...we have sold it out. The amount of people and the time and effort placed into this can do nothing but again enhance the Strongsville retail community.

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

**Mayor Perciak (cont'd):** Again, on behalf of our Economic Development Director we extend our thanks. Brent, I think there's a few things you need to add about the networking time and things.

Mr. Painter – Thank you Mayor, the event will start at 4:00 p.m. with business-to-business networking among the hundred and twenty exhibitors. Then from 5:00 p.m. t0 7:30 p.m. we invite the public to come out and experience what our companies have to offer. Mayor, if I could just reiterate again, I'd like to thank the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, Strongsville Rotary Club, and the Strongsville High School DECA Program. It's a great community event. They all pitch in and make it a worthwhile evening, thank you.

Mr. Daymut - Thank you Mayor Perciak, any questions for Mayor Perciak this evening?

(None)

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:** Thank you Mr. President, First of all, I would like to report that I received notice last week from the Government Finance Officers Association. I would like to report that the City was awarded the fourth consecutive "Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting". I want to acknowledge my staff, John Mockler, Tina Ford, Derek Webb, and Marlene Martin for all their efforts in making this possible. Secondly, I would merely state that all funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding. That's all that I have, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Dubovec and congratulations again. Are there any questions for Mr. Dubovec this evening?

(None)

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus:** All ordinances and resolutions before Council this evening are in proper legal form. Thank you.

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

# AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Daymut – We've reached our 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; Ron Glaskow...is Ron here?

(No one commented)

Mr. Daymut – Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council at this time? Please state your name and address for the record.

# AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mark Roth, 22249 Jonathon Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149: Mark Roth, 22249 Jonathon, Strongsville, Ohio; alias, Gladiator, fighter for the people. I don't want to be here, really. I've got twelve grandchildren I've been blessed with. I'm only here because of you Mike. You gaveled me with your Leningrad, Communist gavel, okay. For two hundred years this City never had a four and a half minute warning buzzard. For two hundred years the City never had a five minute limit to get your point across. I think it's wrong. I don't want to see you guys here having someone talk for 15-20 minutes, having you here all night, I know how that feels, but that's abusing it. Five minutes is not abusing; so I'm back. You made me come back, here I am.

Mr. Daymut – You still have five minutes.

Mr. Roth – That's fine. I want you to listen real close. Do you hear it? That's thousands of clicks going off. Everybody in this room is blessed. There are a lot of people in this room making a lot of money, a lot of benefits. They can afford all these tax increases and levies and everything else that is happening. They can afford \$160.00 more by Julius Ciaccia next year. They can afford the utility hikes. Everybody in this room can afford it, but I after twenty-five years know where people live that can't. The thousands of clicks you hear are clicks of furnaces going off right now. You think I'm kidding, but I'm not. There are a lot of people in a lot of pain right now. They're putting on sweaters until May and they're turning their thermostats down. You think I'm kidding? I'm not. I've seen it and that's why I'm up here, to voice for them. We shouldn't be adding a tax for streets. These people, you want to know where they come from too before I get off that; they're laid off people. They don't have the money anymore. People on fixed incomes, they're maybe going to get \$13 standard of living increase. Is that going to offset the \$160.00 by the double drainage fee by Julius Ciaccia? No. There are also the people that you wouldn't think of that are hurting. They were making \$90,000.00 last year, they got laid off, they got rehired, they're working, but they're working for \$50,000.00 instead of \$90,000.00. There are a lot of people hurting out there and we should be just reprioritizing our funds. The City is always in the black, everybody does a great job. Our Dow Circle, Alameda, Foltz Industrial Parkway is busting at the seams more than ever before, we're pulling in more money than ever before. We have four malls. Remember back in the 80's everybody was, "Should we have one giant mall?" Well, we have four now: Plaza, Southpark, Borders, and The Greens. Let's reprioritize some of the funds for streets. Mr. Walker does a great job prioritizing the worst ones. I know you can reprioritize some funds if you want to add some more street repair. I could get into a lot of areas that you can cut, but I'm not going to do that because you know what can happen. There are a lot of people with a lot of pain out there and it just didn't go over right when you guys took a nice picture smiling and you're sticking your hands out for a tax increase. You should have just reprioritized some funds for additional funds for street repair. We got the same twenty-six square miles in this City that we've always had and in 2006 when the bubble burst, ninetyeight percent of the streets are the same streets we've always had. Pick the worst streets, do them, add a little bit more money if you have to, but don't stick your hands out, when you're finishing in the black and we're busting at the seams at our industrial parks, for more money. People are hurting out there. Have some compassion and sensitivity. You're already put it on the ballot, I'm probably just spinning my wheels here, but I had to do my job and voice it. Good night gentlemen.

Mr. Daymut – Okay thank you Mark, is there anybody else in the audience that would like to address Council at this time? Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

(No Comments)

# **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2015-195** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING WESTWOOD COMMONS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

# Motion by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to amend by substitution. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-195 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-196</u> by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND A CONSTRUCTION AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH CAMERON-ALLIE DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to amend by substitution. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-196 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-208</u> by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 881 OF TITLE FOUR OF PART EIGHT OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION AND REGULATION OF THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX APPLICABLE TO TAX YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016; AND RESTATING THE CURRENT CHAPTER 880 TO REMAIN EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABLE FOR MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX YEARS PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2016.

Placed on second reading and referred back to committee.

Ordinance No. 2015-209 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$6,135,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ADVANCE REFUNDING CERTAIN OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2009, DATED AS OF DECEMBER 8, 2009, WHICH WERE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF IMPROVING: PEARL ROAD BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY GRADING, DRAINING, WIDENING, PAVING, CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS, REPLACING AND CONSTRUCTING CULVERTS, INSTALLING WATERLINES, VALVES, SERVICE CONNECTIONS, STORM SEWERS, CATCH BASINS, MANHOLES, CURB RAMPS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, ACQUIRING ANY NECESSARY REAL ESTATE OR INTERESTS THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SAME, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; HOWE ROAD BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY RESURFACING, RECONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND CATCH BASINS, INSTALLING CURB RAMPS, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SAME, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND SUCH OTHER STREETS AS SET FORTH IN PLANS HEREAFTER APPROVED BY COUNCIL; 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. 2015-209 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-210 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$12,630,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ADVANCE REFUNDING CERTAIN OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING VARIOUS PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2009, DATED AS OF MAY 13, 2009, WHICH PORTION WAS ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF (i) RENOVATING, EXPANDING, CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION TO, IMPROVING THE SITE OF, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX LOCATED AT 18688 ROYALTON ROAD TO HOUSE POLICE, JAIL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITIES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND FUNCTIONS, (ii) IMPROVING, IN COOPERATION WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY, THE INTERSECTION OF DRAKE ROAD AND HOWE ROAD AND THE APPROACHES TO THAT INTERSECTION IN THE CITY BY GRADING, DRAINING, WIDENING, PAVING, CONSTRUCTING CURBS, INSTALLING STORM SEWERS, CATCH BASINS, MANHOLES, FIRE HYDRANTS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, ACQUIRING ANY NECESSARY REAL ESTATE OR INTERESTS THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SAME, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, (iii) IMPROVING THE CITY'S RECREATION SYSTEM BY ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN, AND (iv) IMPROVING. IN COOPERATION WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY, THE INTERSECTION OF ROYALTON ROAD AND WEST 130TH STREET AND THE APPROACHES TO THAT INTERSECTION IN THE CITY BY GRADING, DRAINING, WIDENING, PAVING, LIGHTING, CONSTRUCTING CURBS, INSTALLING SANITARY SEWERS, STORM SEWERS, CATCH BASINS, MANHOLES AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, ACQUIRING ANY NECESSARY REAL ESTATE OR INTERESTS THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SAME, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, 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. 2015-210 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-211</u> by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Dooner. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT(S) TO PURCHASE PROPERTY-CASUALTY AND RELATED INSURANCE COVERAGES, 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. 2015-211 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-212</u> by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2016, WITHOUT FURTHER 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. 2015-212 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-213</u> 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 15733 PEARL ROAD, BEING A PORTION OF PPN 397-01-012, AND ADDITIONAL PROPERTY AT 18485 SHURMER ROAD, BEING ALL OF PPN 397-01-023, ALL IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

### Placed on first reading; referred to Planning Commission and back to committee.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-214</u> 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 15733 PEARL ROAD, BEING A PORTION OF PPN 397-01-012, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**<u>Resolution No. 2015-215</u>** by Mr. Maloney. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR A PARKING LOT ADDITION AT THE EXISTING LA CHAPERONE ROUGE DAY CARE FACILITY LOCATED AT 14780 PEARL ROAD, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

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. 2015-215 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-216</u> by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2016 FOR 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. 2015-216 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-217</u> by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) JOHN DEERE 4044R COMPACT UTILITY TRACTOR AND APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY, WITH THE SALE, TRADE-IN AND CREDIT FOR ONE (1) EXISTING OBSOLETE JOHN DEERE 4044R COMPACT UTILITY TRACTOR, CONSISTENT WITH TERMS SET BY A PRIOR ROLL AGREEMENT, 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. 2015-217 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-218</u> by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY, THROUGH THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, TO ALLOCATE AND APPROPRIATE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR VARIOUS EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR THE 2016 STRONGSVILLE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

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.

Roll Call: Ayes: Carbone, DeMio, Southworth, Daymut, Dooner, Maloney. Nays: Schonhut Motion carries.

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

Mr. Daymut – Any questions?

- Mr. Maloney Mr. Daymut?
- Mr. Daymut Yes

Mr. Maloney – We didn't get a chance to talk about this very much in caucus, but when I look at this ordinance and I look at how we would be potentially spending up to \$25,000.00 on this upcoming Bicentennial Celebration...I've had a lot of conversations with residents over the last several years about streets, about sewers, not having enough funding to do those things that we want to do, etc. We've got a ballot issue now where we're asking for additional funding for streets and I just want to share my reservation about having this on here as an ordinance. In my opinion, I think it kind of sends the wrong message in terms what we are doing with our funds. This is a good example of if we don't have the funds to do everything that we might of wanted to do for a once in a lifetime opportunity, I understand that could be disappointing to some, but I think we can find ways to accomplish what we want to do with that celebration without having to appropriate these funds. I just want to share that, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Maloney, any other comments from Council?

(None)

Roll Call: Ayes: DeMio, Southworth, Daymut, Dooner. Nays: Schonhut, Maloney, Carbone. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2015-218 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-219</u> by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PURCHASE FOR A ONE-MONTH PERIOD OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FOR THE RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, MUNICIPAL SERVICE OFFICES, AND POLICE FACILITY, FROM DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC THROUGH THE SOURCING ALLIANCE, A COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A POWER SUPPLY COORDINATION SERVICE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC FOR THIS PURPOSE, 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. 2015-219 ADOPTED.

<u>Ordinance No. 2015-220</u> by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PURCHASE FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FROM DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC THROUGH THE SOURCING ALLIANCE, A COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A POWER SUPPLY COORDINATION SERVICE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC FOR THIS PURPOSE, 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. 2015-220 ADOPTED.

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

(None)

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

<u>Application for Permit</u>: **NEW-D3:** <u>To</u>: CA Restaurant Group LLC; **13485 Pearl Road**, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 10/23/2015).

\*\*Motion by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio for a conditional objection to the application for permit based upon the applicant's lack of compliance with the City's Building, Health and/or Safety Codes; provided that when and if compliance is confirmed by the Building Department, the Clerk will withdraw the objection in Columbus. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.\*\*

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (cont'd):

President Daymut noted the necessity for an executive session with members of the Administration to discuss preparation for and conduct of collective bargaining negotiations. It was so moved by Mr. Dooner and seconded by Mr. DeMio 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 8:43 p.m. Also present were Mayor Perciak, Law Director Ken Kraus, Finance Director Joe Dubovec and Human Resource Director Steve Kilo. The executive session concluded at 9:21 p.m. and reconvened in open session.

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 9:21p.m.

Signature on File Aimee Pientka, CMC Clerk of Council November 2, 2015 Date of Approval