

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 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, November 2, 2015 at 7:30 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, Assistant Building Commissioner Keith Foulkes, 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.

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

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

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: 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 second reading and set for a public hearing on December 7th. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-221. This is an ordinance to accept grants of easements for various public infrastructure improvements purposes from Cameron-Allie Development Group, LLC and the Richard F. and Dorothy E. Schaeffer Trusts in connection with the Westwood Commons Project and related tax increment financing at the intersection of Pearl Road and Westwood Drive.

Finance Committee:

Motion made by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 30, 2015. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Chairman Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-222; an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures of the City of Strongsville, Ohio, for year 2015.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Chairman Southworth recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance Nos. 2015-223, 2015-224, 2015-225, 2015-226 and 2015-227. All of these ordinances are contracts to purchase food items for use at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center. The contracts are with Orlando Baking Company, Avalon Foodservice, Inc., Gordon Food Services, Blue Ribbon Meats, Inc., and Sanson Company. All seven votes are required for each of these ordinances to pass. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-228. This is to dispose of two vehicles no longer needed by the department of recreation and senior services.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-229. This is an ordinance authorizing the disposal of a used and obsolete police department vehicle with related police cruiser equipment no longer needed for any municipal purpose. Ordinance No. 2015-230 is the disposal of five aluminum ladders utilized by the fire department and no longer needed for any municipal purpose. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that ordinance. Mayor Perciak thanked Chief Kobak and the police department for a safe Halloween weekend.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut discussed the Strongsville Business Expo. He stated it was a great success and there was a large attendance. Mayor Perciak also commented on the success of the event and stated it was a great exposure opportunity for the smaller businesses. He thanked Economic Development Director Brent Painter for his work to make the event happen.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Daymut recommended adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-208. 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, 2016; and restating the current Chapter 880 to remain effective and applicable for municipal income tax years prior to January 1, 2016. Mr. Daymut thanked the law department and the finance department for their hard work pertaining to this legislation. Ordinance No. 2015-231 is to provide for the submission to the electors of the City of Strongsville the question of Council amending Section 618.12 of Chapter 618 "Animals" of the Codified Ordinances concerning deer culling. This ordinance will be placed on first reading. Strongsville is one of six communities pursuing this. The City will be having a public informational meeting for any residents who would like to address this issue on November 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Southworth asked if anyone has received any feedback regarding this. Mr. Kraus stated all cities involved will be doing a press release. He also advised that under the law, none of the city councils or legislative authorities can delegate their right or responsibility to consider going ahead with this, but under the Ohio Supreme Court Case from the 1990s involving Bedford a right was established of these councils, including ours, to have this issue placed on the ballot to see if the people support this or not by way of an "Advisory Election". The cities have worked with representatives from the Board of Elections to come up with a universal format for the resolutions each municipality would adopt. Mr. DeMio stated the last time this issue came up there was a large turnout of residents who wanted to speak on this issue.

Mr. Carbone advised The Rotary, along with members of Council, will be picking up donated clothing items from residents' houses on Thursday, November 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is for The Rotary's clothing drive.

Mayor Perciak brought up the upcoming Finance Committee meeting to be held on November 12th. He advised that if any member of Council has any questions/concerns, etc. to let either himself or Finance Director Joe Dubovec know now and not wait until next year.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 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, Assistant Building Commissioner Keith Foulkes, 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.

Mr. Daymut – Before we proceed with the meeting, our Mayor from 1968-1974 Dale Finley, I think we all knew him-he was a good friend to the City and had a rich history here in the City of Strongsville, he passed away. I would ask that we would have a moment of silence in the memory of Dale who has done so much for the City of Strongsville.

Moment of silence observed.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 19, 2015 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth:

Mr. Daymut – You have some good news for us.

Mr. Southworth – Yes, I can stop reporting about the new CEO in ambiguous terms. The new CEO has been announced; it's William Young whom is coming over from St. John Hospital in Westlake. He was a very qualified guy, lives in Hudson. During his interview process he really made an emphasis about how he gets involved with his community. Over at St. John, as Scott knows because Scott is a Bay Village guy and I'm a Westlake guy, St. John really does serve Bay Village, Westlake and some of the Lorain County communities as well. He made a big point during the interview process of saying how he made it a point to get involved, not just with Westlake, but with the surrounding communities, which is exactly the Southwest Hospital situation where you have six communities feeding in to it. It is a big day tomorrow though, it is Election Day. I believe Olmsted Falls has there supporting levy for Southwest Hospital again; so there is going to be an issue if it doesn't pass and whether six communities goes down to five communities. Olmsted Falls is an interesting place as people might be reading about it in the newspaper these days. That is all that I have regarding Southwest; if there's any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth (cont'd):

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

(None)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Thank you Mr. Daymut, there was not a school board meeting since our last meeting. I just want to point out that the boys and girls soccer are both district champs. The girls will be going to Revere to play Walsh Jesuit. The boys will be going to Nordonia to play Medina. We wish them the best of luck. Also our boys' football-they ended strong and were very close to making the play-offs, but unfortunately that wasn't in their cards. We wish all those seniors the best of luck. That ends...

Mayor Perciak – St. Edwards did their job, they beat St. Ignatius.

Mr. Carbone – That did help a little. That ends my report.

Mr. Southworth – He had to say that didn't he...he had to.

Mr. Dooner – He didn't mention Benedictine yet.

Mayor Perciak – I had to listen to Kilo...well, Benedictine is undefeated, what can I tell you.

(Laughter)

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone this evening? One thing I will mention, I have had a lot of good positive feedback with this "Minute with the Superintendent". I understand it is a new program that has started and I've had quite a few people comment to me already that it is something they really enjoy. It is kind of a nice, new addition. Is it weekly?

Mr. Carbone – That's "60 seconds with the Super".

Mr. Daymut – I guess you can sign-up online for it. I encourage everyone to do that.

Mr. Carbone – I think one of the things that they really stressed the last couple of years is marketing. A lot of times as we watch the news, there's so many positive things that happen throughout a day, but only a few negative things are pointed out. Really what they have done is try to take the initiative and put Cameron (Ryba) in charge with getting the positive information out to the community. That's just one of many things that they're doing and they're going to continue to do. Also, I forgot to talk about the walk-through at the middle school. There was about 300-400 people that walked through. I took my son Michael and my daughter Lucia. We took pictures. I thought it would be neat, so when we fast forward when they are in middle school we can show them that. Unbelievable facility, it's really state-of-the-art. GPD was there conducting the walk-throughs and they said this is going to be one of the best ones in the State of Ohio. I'm just proud to have it in our community for our kids and our families here. It's pretty cool.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:

* See Communications and Technology Committee below *

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Daymut, I have nothing to report for either committee tonight, but I will happily take any questions.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Schonhut, any questions for Mr. Schonhut this evening 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'd like to report that we had probably the most successful Business Expo since we have been involved with this. I'd like to thank The Chamber and The Rotary for their assistance in this; and especially Brent Painter because I know he's been putting this together. I believe we had about a hundred and twenty business partners there. I'm sure there were thousands of people that walked through the area and went to the recreation center at that particular time. A special thanks to Mike Snyder. He was a great MC; we learned a lot about the sports in Cleveland and the Cavaliers, so it was very appropriate.

Mayor Perciak – One last thing Mr. Daymut, I'd like to thank all the vendors who participated. This was the biggest show that we ever had. It allowed them an opportunity to network with each other and to put their business name or their franchise name in front of thousands of people. I also would like to thank Brunswick Auto Mart for participating in our Expo this year by having on display four vehicles up front there. We appreciate all they do for our community here in Strongsville. They are the sponsor of so many of our activities. I want to give a special thank you to the Panteck family for helping us once again; and to all the vendors for making last Thursday night a very successful evening. To you Brent, a thousand thank yous. A lot of anxiety, a lot of work, a lot of frustration, a lot of last minute planning, you handled it masterfully so I want to applaud you for an excellent job.

(Applause)

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor.

Mr. Carbone – If I could add something Mayor. What was neat with that event were the people that I've seen over the years, they come back. When you have vendors and the number of vendors that come back like that, you know it is a positive event, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – I'll give a brief report of our meeting on Monday, October 26th. We are discussing our next business network breakfast meeting for January or February. We received a tech report from Ed Oliveros. Our business retention and expansion survey will most likely be going out in the next few months; we are in the process of finalizing that. Again, the Business Expo we discussed before and we will do it again afterwards. We did give favorable recommendation to Ordinance No. 2015-186. We discussed the allowable uses in "General Industry". We'll be making some recommendations to Council from our committee. We also would like to begin including some of our business partners here in some of our industrial parks and business parks here in the City newsletter so we will be working on that. Also, we discussed a site location partnership with Matt, I'm trying to think...Brent, could you help me with that?

Mr. Painter – Matt Darcy

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut (cont'd):

Mr. Daymut – Matt Darcy, right, from Texas, but they are the ones who help promote us all over the country for all the shows that are around. He was able to come up from Texas, tour our business park with Brent, and meet with the Mayor and myself. It was a great meeting and I'm sure that we will receive an awful lot of interest from companies around the United States and perhaps beyond concerning that. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the recreation and senior center. That's my report on Economic Development, any questions for myself?

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have Ordinance No. 2015-222. This is our monthly ordinance making appropriations for our annual expenses and other expenditures for the City of Strongsville. The recommendation is suspend and adopt. That's all we have Mr. Daymut.

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

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney: Thank you Mr. Daymut. We have three items this evening. The first two are Ordinance Nos. 2015-213 and 2015-214. We've seen these at a prior meeting. These are both associated with potential future development by Altenheim for the corner of Pearl Road and Shurmer Road. This is to do some rezoning and cleaning up of parcels that they have in their possession. These will now be placed on second reading and a public hearing will be held on December 7th for both of these as one of the steps in the process to ultimately get to where those are changed. The third item is Ordinance No. 2015-221. This is to authorize the Mayor to accept grants of easement for various infrastructure improvements and other things that are tied to it, utilities and so forth, associated with the major development project at the corner of Pearl Road and Westwood Drive out there; and also language tied to the tax increment financing that will be part of that project. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on this item. That's all I have this evening; I'll be happy to take any questions.

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

Mr. DeMio – Briefly Mr. Daymut, I just want to enter into the record the City of Fairview's Master Plan. I'm going to ask Aimee to officially give it to you and I talked with the Mayor a moment ago and we're going to call a council meeting...

Mr. Daymut – We'll make some copies.

Mr. DeMio – I also got the Solon one, but I think that we talked a little bit about Solon. In my humble opinion, I like the way that Fairview laid out their program for lack of a better term-the way it's highlighted, so I would like to share that with all of council.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. DeMio, we will make copies for everyone and we'll have a meeting in the future on this.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you, I know.

Mr. Daymut - Thanks for all the information, we appreciate it.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you; we have two ordinances on the agenda tonight. Ordinance Nos. 2015-229 and 2015-230. In a nutshell, they're equipment we are going to be disposing of-ladders, cruisers, police and fire. We're going to ask to suspend and adopt that tonight. Last Thursday, I know the Mayor noticed this because I talked to him about it. I was very disappointed in not being able to attend the Thursday event at the recreation center, The Expo. On the flip, and sometimes he zones me in when I need to be zoned in, we had an opportunity, my wife Marie and I had an opportunity to go to the Ronald McDonald House along with The Strongsville Optimist Club and bring dinner for the folks that are there, serve, them, clean up and share their stories with us. It was quite enlightening. I know we have some hills and valleys in our community financially, a host of issues that are very important, but when you get to places like the Ronald McDonald House and you see these kids that hear people sing and brings a smile to their face, and they think that's the best that's happened to them in many days, you realize how very important Greater Cleveland is with our great hospitals, our doctors, our community, I know the Mayor sponsored a hospice in town and that's an offset of so many different things this group has done. In my own way I want to thank everybody for all they do outside of just everyday business. It just made me think about that and Mayor I have to thank you because you made me think that way when we talked. I did feel bad because that Expo is an awesome event. I hear it on the drive in every day when they were promoting the event.

Mayor Perciak – Joey, really, thank you for bringing it up. Again, that's another step of Southwest General. That is our partner in University Hospital. That is a great relationship that was put in place many years ago, then by the President of Southwest, Jon Shurmeier.

Mr. DeMio – And I was on the board then.

Mayor Perciak – Absolutely, and as you've mentioned what goes on at Babies and Childrens is absolutely amazing. We are very fortunate to have that right here in good old Cleveland Ohio. To Jennifer Sinisgalli for all she does there. She has been on our School Board and is still very active in our community, but she is a major player there in making sure all of that comes together. Jennifer if you're listening, thank you for everything you do.

Mr. DeMio – A couple of things I've learned, and I don't want to bore you and it's a very important night to get rested for tomorrow's election but I believe the Strong family had a history of firefighters, Mr. Bedford, does that make sense to you? There's a photo, and forgive me if I have the wrong name, but there's a Strong that was a firefighter in the photo. That was at the old firehouse where the Ronald McDonald Center is now. Another thing is that Cleveland Clinic donated that land there for University Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House; so sometimes they compete and other times they work together so Strongsville always seems to touch something in greater Cleveland and that was my little thought. I'm pretty sure it was Mr. Strong, but I could be wrong. I will correct myself next council meeting if that is not correct. I just want to thank everybody again. I will close now Mike.

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

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: I have no resolutions or ordinances this evening on the agenda, but I did want to talk about as a council, we decided to join forces with the Strongsville Rotary in their homeless clothing drive. What we're asking as a council, if you are not able to drop off any shirts, pants, sweaters, jackets, dresses, shoes, socks, blankets and toiletries, we as a council decided that we would come to your house personally on Thursday, November 19th between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. If you could just put those items in a bag, put them on your porch; put your porch light on. If you email us or you call your Councilman or At-Large Councilman we will come on Thursday, November 19th between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and we will pick that up for you. Every year The Rotary does a wonderful job. Their numbers are a little low this year out of the gate, but hopefully with all of us working together, the community and council, we can get those numbers back up. I urge you again as a community if you have anything, if you could spend a little bit of time, go through the closet, go through your drawers, if there is anything please email, please call your councilman or your councilman-at-large and we will be there personally; again Thursday, November 19th between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Before I end my report I also wanted to talk about I had the privilege of going to the Fall Festival at Camp Cheerful. It was amazing event. There are so many great people that spend a lot of time. I was on the committee for two years back and it's such a time commitment. I wanted to thank everybody involved there. Afterwards, I went to the Strongsville Football League fundraiser at the recreation center. I was just amazed. There were 400-500 young families; their kids are involved, really coming together as a community. Again, when you work outside of the community this just doesn't happen everywhere. Sometimes we may take these things for granted but it's unbelievable what's going in our community; so I'm very thankful to see that. That ends my report.

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

Mr. Dooner – I have a question for Mr. Carbone. Will Alison be going through the closet and throwing away those old football jerseys that don't fit anymore?

(Laughter)

Mr. Carbone – I'll tell you a sad story.

Mr. Dooner – She threw them away.

Mr. DeMio – Does she still have them?

Mr. Carbone – A couple of weeks ago, I had a conversation with Dale Finley. Dale still has his high school football jersey. At one of the Rotary meetings we were going to take a picture together. Unfortunately, it didn't happen, but unbelievable person. But Dooner, no we will not.

Mr. Dooner – I already called Alison.

Mr. Daymut – Moving along.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut. We have Ordinance Nos. 2015-223, 2015-224, 2015-225, 2015-226 and 2015-227 on this evening's agenda. Those are for the food purchases up at the recreation and senior center. This is that time of year where we plot out the food for next year. The recommendation on that is to suspend and adopt and we will need all seven. The last ordinance is Ordinance No. 2015-228. We have two obsolete vehicles and we are trying to get something for them. Again, the recommendation on that one will be suspend and adopt- disposing of those two vehicles. If there are any questions, other than I hope Jimmy donates plenty of those ties as long as we're on critiquing his wardrobe.

Mr. Carbone – You know, it was such a beautiful day I had wear yellow.

Mayor Perciak – So you were the sunshine huh?

Mr. Southworth – And Dale Finley will be missed. I'm glad that Jimmy actually had a story that he could tell in public about Dale. I've got a hilarious one which I cannot repeat on City Council Broadcast TV, but he was a funny guy and I got to know him through economic development. He was always willing to help. He will be missed. That is all that I have. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer.

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

(None)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Daymut: We do have Ordinance No. 2015-208 and it did receive a favorable recommendation on this evening's agenda. Also, this ordinance we have been carrying twice now. I would like to give an awful lot of credit to the law department, especially Mr. Dubovec and R.I.T.A. There has been a massive change in the tax code at the State level that will take place January 1, 2016. We are, I believe, the first city now to implement all the changes and it took an awful lot of meetings and an awful lot of hard work to bring this to fruition. I absolutely do support that this evening. We also have Ordinance No. 2015-231. We request that be placed on first reading. This is an ordinance submitting to the electorate of Strongsville the question of amending Chapter 618 to authorize control of the deer population. Concerning this ordinance there will be an informational meeting for the residents here in the City of Strongsville on Monday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. here in the council chambers. It will last approximately one hour. For comments from the residents of Strongsville who would like to talk about this particular issue. This is also-we are involved with five other communities in trying to do something about the deer population, and working with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for some agreement so we control the deer in a manner that is acceptable for not only the residents, but all the different communities involved. That's all I have this evening under Committee of the Whole, 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. Again, as the Mayor of the City of Strongsville I would like to extend our personal sympathy to Lee Finley and her daughter and grandson, and maybe a second grandchild now, on the loss of their husband and father and grandfather. Truly a tragedy, I had the opportunity to speak with the former Council President of Middleburg Heights, Mr. Budney, and he described to me the emptiness he felt when all of a sudden the person at the other end on the line just kind of fell and there was no more discussion with Dale. I did have the opportunity to speak with Mrs. Finley to extend all of our sympathy from our community to her and her daughter and her grandchildren. I know she is with her daughter now. Their daughter gave birth to a new baby and I don't know if it is a baby boy or a baby girl; but she is with her. Lee indicated to me that when she comes back and has time to put together, there will be a memorial service in Dale's honor. I would like to specifically thank our Police Chief and Safety Director for providing the police escort for Dale to bring him back home to his final resting place right here in the Strongsville Cemetery. Chief, and to our Safety Director Charles Goss, thank you both guys for providing that final salute to our former Mayor.

Moving on to another important topic; tomorrow is Election Day. There are a lot of important things happening tomorrow right here in our own local community. I ask everyone to please pay attention to the issues on the ballot; Issue 108-that's on the roads, Issue 109-that's for the rezoning of a certain parcel on Westwood Drive for our schools. Those are the two important issues affecting our community and, of course, the election in Ward 4 for our Ward 4 Councilman. The rest of us that are up for election tomorrow-thank goodness we are unopposed so we thank the community for your continued faith in us. I can assure you on my behalf, and I'm certain on the other councilmen, that we will do our very best to continue to serve you in a way that you have become accustomed to; and to assure you that our community interests will always come first and our commitment to the community will always be first and foremost. I cannot stress that enough.

I also would like to bring to your attention that Santa Claus is coming to town on November 22nd. We're going to have our Christmas lighting at 5:30 p.m., again on the commons. I can't begin to thank all the volunteers enough for what they continue to do. It's amazing ladies and gentlemen, my secretary, my Administrative Assistant Susan Norcross, puts out an email to our employees to come forward and help us build the float, do the decorating, and prepare for this Sunday night event. They do so out of their...they are just willing to pitch-in and help. We're also going to kick off on that night our bicentennial celebration. I see Keith Foulkes is here in place of our Building Commissioner, Tony Biondillo, but he has been charged with the design and the building of the 200th anniversary cake. I don't want you to feel the pressure Keith, but the clock is ticking. The parade is November 22nd and now everybody knows it is your responsibility. To all of our donors, so many people call me and they say, "Mayor, why are we wasting tax payer money with lighting up the commons?" Not a single penny, a single dollar is being spent from the City coffers to light the commons for Christmas. That's all done with private donations, donations from our residents, but again as Brent will tell you, Brent Painter our Economic Development Director, donations from our business community-they are elated that we now start this the Sunday before Thanksgiving; again to give our local merchants and our local retailers a leg up on the other communities. We will be there. Mr. Walker, our own weather forecaster here-whatever they call these people these days, has indicated to me that the weather will be fifty that day, it will be mild, and the winds will be coming at 5mph from wherever the hell he told me. Come and be ready and as the Fire Chief indicated to me that they're going to be ready with the fireworks display and they police helping to bring in Santa. We're ready to roll so come prepared. I think we'll have a good time that night. Thank you again to everybody who contributes to that family community event on our commons. That ends my report.

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

Mayor Perciak (cont'd):

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

(None)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec: Thank you Mr. President, I have two items to report on tonight. First of all, as the Finance Department and Administration prepare to discuss next year's budget with Council, it would be appropriate at this time to provide Council and the residents of Strongsville with an interim financial report concerning the status of this year's balances. The City's General Fund unencumbered balance on October 31, 2015 was \$7.9 million dollars. The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City and this balance represents approximately three months of operating expenditures as recommended by Moody's Investor Services and The Government Finance Officers Association. Such funds are unrestricted and enable the City to absorb, in the short term, the impact of an unexpected sudden revenue loss or significant increases in operating costs, and to begin planning financial adjustments. It is truly a planned "rainy day fund." The unencumbered balances of all other funds of the City which total approximately \$25 million dollars, on the other hand, are restricted to their intended purpose by the Ohio Revised Code and the City's Codified Ordinances. For example, Police and Fire Pension resources cannot lawfully be utilized on capital improvements or street repairs, and sanitary sewer resources cannot be used on road maintenance or anything else except the sanitary sewer plants, pump stations or sanitary sewer lines. The list goes on. Therefore, the City's true, unrestricted operating surplus is only the unencumbered amount of \$7.9 million dollars in its General Fund – and nothing more. Any statements to the contrary, or those implying that the City's "surplus" also encompasses some or all of its restricted funds, are simply not true under lawful governmental accounting. As previously demonstrated, due to prudent financial planning, the City is fortunate to have a General Fund balance of \$7.9 million dollars consistent with and as recommended by the applicable municipal financial authorities.

Secondly, I would merely state that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding, thank you.

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

(None)

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus: I would merely report that all ordinances and resolutions before this City Council this evening are in proper legal form, thank you Mr. Daymut.

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 here, Mr. Carbone, perhaps you could help me with this name here, and I just can't quite determine what it is...Justin Case.

(Laughter)

Mr. Carbone – I don't know what you're talking about sir.

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

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2015-208 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.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-208 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-213 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 second reading, set for a public hearing on December 7, 2015 and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2015-214 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 second reading, set for a public hearing on December 7, 2015 and referred back to the committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2015-221 by Mayor Perciak and all Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT GRANTS OF EASEMENT FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PURPOSES FROM CAMERON-ALLIE DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC AND THE RICHARD F. AND DOROTHY E. SCHAEFFER TRUSTS; AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM CAMERON-ALLIE DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTWOOD COMMONS PROJECT AND RELATED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF PEARL ROAD AND WESTWOOD DRIVE, 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. 2015-221 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-222 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR YEAR 2015 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-201.

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. 2015-222 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-223 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BREAD AND BAKERY PRODUCTS FOR USE AT THE WALTER F. EHRSFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. [Orlando Baking Company]

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. 2015-223 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2015-224 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GENERAL FOODS AND DAIRY PRODUCTS FOR USE AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. [Avalon Foodservice, Inc.]

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. 2015-224 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-225 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GENERAL FOODS, DAIRY AND BREAD PRODUCTS FOR USE AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. [Gordon Food Services]

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. 2015-225 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-226 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEAT, FISH AND POULTRY FOR USE AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. [Blue Ribbon Meats, Inc.]

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. 2015-226 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-227 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PRODUCE FOR USE AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. [Sanson Company]

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. 2015-227 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2015-228 by Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, 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. 2015-228 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-229 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF A USED AND OBSOLETE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE WITH RELATED POLICE CRUISER EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES, AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, THROUGH DONATION AND TRANSFER TO ANOTHER POLICE 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. 2015-229 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-230 by Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF FIVE ALUMINUM LADDERS UTILIZED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

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. 2015-230 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2015-231 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, THE QUESTION OF COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 618.12 (HUNTING OR TRAPPING PROHIBITED) OF CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS OF PART SIX-GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO AUTHORIZE A NUISANCE ABATEMENT INITIATIVE FOR BOTH SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF THE WHITE-TAILED DEER POPULATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONTIGUOUS, ADJOINING, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THAT OPT TO ADOPT A SIMILAR PLAN FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION DATE THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Mr. Southworth – Mr. Daymut, I believe we have a high school student. Do you want to go to the podium? You'll get extra credit...no?

(Laughter)

Mr. Daymut – Is there anything else we have under miscellaneous business?

(No comments)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 8:43p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

November 16, 2015
Date of Approval