

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 02, 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, February 02, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.***

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

Council President Daymut called the caucus to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning and Engineering: Mr. Maloney recommended adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-197. This is an ordinance to rezone real estate located at the southwest corner of Royalton Road and West 130th Street (PPN 399-01-005) from MS (motorist service) classification to LB (local business) classification. This received a favorable recommendation from Planning Commission and had a public hearing (January 5, 2015). A representative (Alex Frazier) for the proposed rezoning will be speaking during audience participation to give a little more background on this before Council votes. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-009. This is an ordinance accepting certain lands within Fieldstone Preserve Subdivision, Phase 2. Ordinance No. 2015-020 is to issue an approve change order no. 5 with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. in connection with the Pearl Road Widening Project, Phase II. The increase is for \$43,393.24, thereby increasing the total project cost to \$7,530,155.09. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt on that item. Ordinance No. 2015-021 is to rezone certain real estate located on Royalton Road (PPN 398-29-019) in the City of Strongsville from LB (local business) classification to R-RS (restaurant- recreation services) classification. This parcel is located on the northwest corner of Royalton Road and West 130th Street. The proposed project is for a Dunkin Donuts. This will be placed on first reading and be referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Resolution No. 2015-022. This is to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for the 2015 Pavement Reconstruction Program.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Mr. DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-023; an ordinance ratifying and approving the filing of an application for reimbursement of expenses with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency through the State Disaster Relief Program, and accepting an award and grant agreement as a result of the May 2014 flooding that occurred in the City of Strongsville. The award is for over \$383,000.00. Mr. DeMio stated he has been here a long time and has never seen a reimbursement this large for a natural event. Mr. DeMio thanked the Mayor and Administration for their work in being able to receive this award. Mayor Perciak stated that Chief Branic micromanaged this application, and with the city's technology were able to document a lot of the flooding issues. This documentation was credited to Bryan Timko, an employee of the service department. Mayor Perciak also credited Finance Director Joe Dubovec for all of his work and his monitoring on an ongoing basis of all dollars that come in and out.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Mr. Southworth recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-024. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Adler Team Sports for youth sports wearing apparel for use by the recreation department. The contract is for \$36,488.95. Mayor Perciak confirmed with Recreation and Senior Service Director Bryan Bogle that there were four bids for this contract.

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Daymut stated he will give the January 26, 2015 committee meeting report on the floor of the council meeting. He will also be making an announcement of a possible relocation to the recreation center for future committee meetings.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Daymut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-025; an ordinance approving and adopting replacement pages to the codified ordinances. Also, Mr. Daymut briefly reviewed the agenda. Mr. DeMio asked what he should do with his old codified ordinance book that is outdated. Mayor Perciak advised to bring the book into the Council Clerk's office and she along with the Law Director can decide what to do with it.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2015 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Daymut called the meeting to order at 8:01 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, Assistant Law Director Daniel J. Kolick, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Recreation and Senior Service Director Bryan Bogle, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak, and Fire Chief Jeff Branich.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 20, 2015 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Special recognitions presented to Eva Pate for winning the 2014 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance National Championship.

Mayor Perciak – We have a very special recognition this evening for Eva Pate. I'm going to come down there and read this recognition, and I'll ask Eva to come up with her family so that they can be there with her.

At this time, Mayor Perciak called Eva Pate forward with her family and presented a proclamation to her from his office.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – Okay, you heard me talk enough. Eva, your turn, you've got to say something.

Miss Pate – Thank you everybody who helped me with this journey. I'm getting ready for all my competitions this season. It's been a blessing what has happened and I can't wait to see what the future holds. Thank you.

(Applause)

Miss Pate – Thank you Mom and Dad and Gavin and Grandma and Grandpa for driving me to the rink and waking up early and leaving early and doing all of that, so thank you.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – Good job and all the best to you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor and thank you Eva. Now, we also have another recognition; matter of fact, several more this evening. We have State Representative Mike Dovilla, our State Representative here who would like to acknowledge your accomplishments with something from the State of Ohio.

Mr. Dovilla – Thank you Mr. President, Mayor Perciak, good to see all of you tonight. We've been trying to set this up for a visit down to Columbus, but the calendar conspired against us during lame duck (sessions). It seems to me that it is more appropriate really to make this presentation here tonight.

At this time, the 7th Ohio House District State Representative Mike Dovilla presented Eva Pate with a Resolution as well as a coin.

(Applause)

Mr. Daymut – Thank you very much, we also have this evening our County Councilman, Mike Gallagher, previous Council President in Ward 4, who would like to acknowledge you this evening.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS (cont'd):

Mr. Gallagher – Mayor, Mr. President, my fellow colleagues from the city, I miss you all. Eva, your mom, your dad, your grandparents, congratulations for a fantastic accomplishment. It always takes a team to do it. You never do it on your own and you recognize that, from your grandma and grandpa to your mom and dad and your brother. It really is something what you did and we're very proud of you here in Cuyahoga County.

At this time District 5 Cuyahoga County Councilman Michael Gallagher presented a proclamation to Eva Pate.

(Applause)

Mr. Daymut – Thank you very much and again congratulations. We are very proud of you. Now we have a second recognition today for Mr. Jeff Branich, our Fire Chief.

Proclamations presented by Mayor Thomas Perciak, Senator Tom Patton, Jackie Hamschild, EMS Coordinator and Albert Matyas, VP of Ambulatory Operations and Business Development for Southwest General Health Center to Fire Chief Jeffrey P. Branich for his thirty-four years of dedicated service to the City of Strongsville.

Mr. Daymut – Before we begin the ceremony, I would like to make a comment myself. Obviously, Jeff has been a premier fire medic here and the Fire Chief and done so many things for the City of Strongsville. He has taken us into a new millennium and a new century. For me, it's kind of deja vu because I think the best thing we have here in Strongsville are neighbors. Jeff has been my neighbor for twenty-some/thirty years, whatever it has been. He's been an outstanding individual as a neighbor. I want to wish him well right now before we start the recognitions. Don't be a stranger. As I told Jeff, and I tell almost everybody who retires, six months from now I'll call him and find out how he had time to work, so don't keep him too busy. Mayor, we're going to have some acknowledgements for our Fire Chief Jeff Branich here. We'll begin with State Senator Tom Patton.

Mr. Patton – Thank you Your Honor. Hello everybody on Council. Ladies and gentlemen, what a nice crowd it is to see here tonight. Usually when I when I watch on TV there are not as many people in the room, but these occasions I think are both well deserving. My easiest definition of a firefighter/firemen is that it's the man or woman who runs into a burning building when everybody else is running out. Strongsville has been blessed in our first responder team; that would be our police, our fire, and our EMS. Over the thirty-eight year I have lived here, you never hear about problems or issues; all you hear is: "We had a great situation where we had smoke in the house, etc." As they say, one of the things that you look for is the leadership level. Since 2011 Chief Branich has led his fire division in the City of Strongsville under Mayor Perciak and has done a great job. You never hear anything unless there is something bad, but in their line of work, if you don't hear anything things are really, really good.

At this time, Fire Chief Jeff Branich came forward with his family and Ohio District 24 State Senator Tom Patton presented him with special recognition.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Tom, now I would like to call up Jackie Hamschild, EMS Coordinator, and Albert Matyas, VP of Ambulatory Operations and Business Development for Southwest General Health Center.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS (cont'd):

Ms. Hamschild – Chief Branick, may I also add my congratulations and thank you. I have such fond memories of Chief Branick in the early years when he rode the rescue squad. He took such good care of his patients. At the hospital he helped us develop programs, he helped us with our hazardous material; I could go on and on. Thank you sincerely, best wishes; you've left a huge footprint at this "Crossroads of Our Nation", and congratulation Mrs. Branick, try not to keep him too busy.

At this time, Albert Matyas and Jackie Hamschild of Southwest General Health Center presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Jeff Branick.

Mr. Matyas – On a personal note, Jeff, it has been absolutely wonderful working with you. You've been very supportive and I think we have a long, strong relationship between the fire department and Southwest General. You have enhanced that greatly and I thank you for all of your efforts.

(Applause)

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Al and Jackie, now Mayor Perciak.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Mr. President and Council. I asked to go last because I wanted to take some time just to talk about Jeff, Neomia, his mother Mrs. Branick, and his children. I knew them long before I even thought of political life. I knew them as their banker, as their family friend, and it gives me great pleasure to be here tonight to be here with Jeff, his wife, his children and his mother. Jeff, I guess you really rank when you get the Majority Leader of the Senate here- of the Ohio Senate, the Majority Leader of the Ohio House here, and your County Councilman all in the same room at the same time, so congratulations. The other thing is I see so many members of the Branick family here and the Kaminski family here. I also see your pastor here, Father Joe Mamich. The community is here to support you and be behind you. We have a lot of things to say about you, so I'm going to start here.

At this time Mayor Perciak presented Fire Chief Jeff Branick with a proclamation from his office.

(Applause)

Mr. Branick – Somebody once said the worst mistake you can make is giving me a microphone. This has gone on for a while this evening so I am going to make this brief. You rehearse these things about a thousand times in your head, what you're going to say, something maybe profound; so bear with me. First of all, what seems like yesterday I stood up here and I said that this was one of the greatest honors to be considered part of the Mayor's board of directors, and my feelings have not changed. I've got to tell you that it has been an honor to serve. It's been an honor to work with my fellow directors, all of you. Most of you never get to see what goes on in the back room, but I can tell you that these people work their butts off, and they care. When you get that opportunity in life to do something you really love, you never work hard; or I should say you never really work, you work hard, but it's never really work because you are doing something you love. I've loved this profession. At this point I would like to thank my family first. I'm going to start with my mom...she didn't raise a fool.

(Laughter)

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS (cont'd):

Mr. Branich – Mom thank you for everything. Thank you for all the guidance over the years, you and dad. Dad couldn't be here today, he got called to a big golf match upstairs; thank you for everything. Thank you to my wife, I love you very much. Thank you for standing beside me. Jack (Draves), you'll figure out how really important your wife is to you as you go through. I want to thank my children. I'm going to start at the top with Becky; I'm going to jump down to the youngest with Elizabeth. Thank you very much; you've made me very proud in my life. My son Andrew currently serves in the Army, he is a Sergeant. He's thankfully stateside right now, but he was at the tip of the spear in Afghanistan a few years ago and won an award for valor.

(Applause)

Mr. Branich – I'd like to thank my friends who have shown up. I'm not going to name you all by names, but again Jack you're going to find out how important your friends are. It is truly meaningful to have good friends. You make acquaintances as you go through the business, whether it's county officials, whether it's state officials; you meet some really good people. I want to thank you for being here today. I have to thank Father Joe; Jack you'll learn this to, you do a lot of praying in this job; so it's good to have a pipeline so make your investments there.

(Laughter)

Mr. Branich – The last group I really want to thank from the bottom of my heart are my firefighters, active and retired. You have been the best. We've had our moments, not every moment was good, butted heads on a few occasions. Forgive me, nothing was ever done with malice towards any individual, it was what I thought was the best for this city and what was best for this fire department. I'd like to leave you with that. Carry on and do the job. You young guys in the back that are on the force you're very important to me for a number of reasons, but most importantly I go off the city's payroll here on Friday and you guys are paying my retirement check.

(Laughter)

Mr. Branich – So I need you to stay safe. I need you to be on the job a long time and hope things go well. With that, it's time to quit this. I want to thank you all; it has been an honor and a privilege to work for the City of Strongsville, to be part of this community. We don't plan on moving away, we plan on staying here. My wife loves the weather here in February and March; she wouldn't trade it away for anything. With that, members of Council and Mayor, thank you very much.

(Applause)

Mayor – Chief Branich, you are excused from the balance of this meeting so you can go celebrate with your family and friends.

Mr. Daymut – All those that were here this evening for the recognitions of Eva and Jeff, we appreciate you attending this evening. You are more than welcome to stay for our meeting, but I understand there will be a little get together afterwards. We want you to really enjoy the evening and congratulate both on honorees this evening.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut, as I've said before our trustee board meetings have been cancelled for December and January; so I have nothing new to report. However, we do have a board meeting in February, so I will have a report sometime in the very near future and I look forward to getting that. I will say there is one update, just looking at the reports that I have received, Southwest Hospital received an "A2" with a stable outlook rating from Moodys, which is good considering in general the hospital industry is rated as negative. That is a testament to the strong finances going on there. That is all that I have for this evening; if there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to field them.

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

(None)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Thank you Mr. Daymut, I was not able to attend the last school board meeting because of my prior commitment with the bingo game at Surrarrer Elementary, which went very well. We had a lot of good winners. I did want to thank two teachers at the high school, Terri Harbart and Steve Boros, for again this year doing the 2015 Strongsville Pride email newsletter. It is a great paper. It spotlights current and past students about their achievements throughout school, past school, and in their careers. It is a great newsletter and if you ever get a chance they also post it online. It tells a lot of great things about the kids; just like one of our students, the freshman Eva, that we recognized today. We're a part of The Rotary, Scott and Ken Dooner, and every Friday we have students from the high school. It's unbelievable what the kids at that high school are achieving. It is something that we can all be very, very proud of. That ends my report.

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, neither Committee has any ordinances or resolutions tonight, but I will happily take any questions for either.

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

(None)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I will give a brief report on our meeting of Monday, January 26th here in the council chambers. We are in the process of sketching our next breakfast meeting and it should be March 19th. We received no report from our tech committee, but we are in the process of scheduling a tour for NASA. We did get an update on Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency. That has to do with the Town Center and their recommendations. On February 19th there will be a meeting on the Committee, and they will give us their recommendations for the center of town here including our library, recreation center, Historical Village, and of course, our city hall and police department. We did review our tour of the County Administration headquarters. Again, I would like to thank Mike Gallagher for that.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut (cont'd): It was a very good tour and we had the opportunity to meet with Larry Benders who is the Economic Development Director for the county. We did receive an update from Brent Painter on his meeting in Chicago of November 18th and 19th with real estate site selectors, keeping in front of people on a more national level. Brent has done an excellent job with that and we continue to pursue all and any leads that we get; whether it is here locally or throughout the country or internationally. We are also scheduling our business retention expansion survey for 2015 in coordination with Ohio State. We will be meeting in March and it should go out sometime before the summer. We discussed goals for 2015 and we received the Strongsville update. There is a possibility of our meetings being moved to another location at the recreation and senior center. I'll keep everyone apprised of that. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23rd. As I said, I'll let you know what the location is as soon as it is determined. Any questions for myself under Economic Development?

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Dooner: Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have no ordinances or resolutions from the Committee to present to Council this evening.

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

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney: Thank you Mr. Daymut, just for a quick minute before I get to my ordinances; I did want to take a minute to talk about The Arts in Strongsville that went on Saturday. That was a lot of fun, I, almost everybody on Council, the Mayor was there. It was great to see the community come out in such large numbers to support what that group does. One of the members of their group said there were over four hundred people that night. That was a really solid turnout. I'm looking forward to every year they do the thing at the Chalet, so a lot of the money they raise goes towards those activities for the kids there. I just wanted to give them a quick credit there for that event. The first ordinance for Planning, Zoning and Engineering this evening is Ordinance No. 2014-197. This is to propose amending the zoning map for changing zoning classification of the real estate at the southwest corner of Royalton Road and West 130th Street from local business to motorist service. This has been on first reading. It was referred to Planning Commission and received a favorable recommendation from Planning (Commission). We had the second reading and a public hearing. After all of that has now been concluded, the recommendation this evening is to adopt that ordinance. The second item is Ordinance No. 2015-009. This is to accept certain lands within Fieldstone Preserve Subdivision Phase 2 for dedication to public use, accepting certain public utilities. These are the items we frequently have when we're getting ready to wrap up what's happening with the development of subdivisions. The recommendation on this item is to suspend and adopt as well. The third item is Ordinance No. 2015-020. This is to authorize and direct the Mayor to issue and approve change order no. 5. This is for the latest increase in the contract for the Pearl Road Widening. This is with the contract with Fabrizi Trucking. This is for an increase of \$43,393.24; it takes the overall total to a little over \$7.5 million, but it's still well below our overall allowed ten percent increase above the original contract price. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on this item. The next item is Ordinance No. 2015-021. This is to amend the zoning map for a proposed project on the northwest corner of Royalton Road and West 130th Street. It's for a parcel just to the west of the service garage that is there on the corner- for a proposed Dunkin Donuts facility to be built there. This is to propose changing the zoning from local business to restaurant-recreational service. This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission for their review of that proposed project before coming back to City Council for our review and vote.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney (cont'd): The next item is Resolution No. 2015-022. This is to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Pavement Reconstruction Program for 2015. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on this item. That concludes my report, I'll be happy to take any questions.

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

Mr. DeMio – I noticed Mr. Maloney was eating an awful lot Saturday night. I couldn't even get in line. That was an awesome event. I saw Mike, Jimmy came in, I was talking to Matt...Scott, I think that was the biggest event, I mean really in a long time.

Mayor Perciak – It was the largest-the most attended.

Mr. DeMio – It was really well done. You know what it seemed like to me? It seemed like Strongsville had enough of the cold weather and wanted to go out and have a good time, and they did it that night. I was very proud of all the folks that-

Mr. Carbone – And I think the Mayor was dancing.

Mr. DeMio – He was. He doesn't know that, but he is actually on You Tube, he'll have to look it up.

Mayor Perciak – God I hope not.

(Laughter)

Mr. Dooner – Isn't his wife out of town?

(Laughter)

Mr. Daymut – Mr. Southworth and I had a good time, we had an excellent time.

Mr. Southworth – I did the one dance.

Mayor Perciak – Jack, do you see what they do to you after a while?

Mr. DeMio – The chicken dance...

Mr. Daymut – Okay, are there any other questions for Mr. Maloney?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you, I'll be brief. I just want to from the Committee welcome...Saturday, 12:01 p.m. Mayor, when is Chief Jack getting sworn in?

Mayor Perciak – 5:01 p.m. Friday evening.

Mr. DeMio – Well good luck, use your right hand, you'll be good. I know your beautiful wife, the doctor, will keep you in line. Welcome to the Committee, we look forward to...I've known you a long time and you do an excellent job, so welcome. That leads into the minutes from the caucus. I can't incorporate them to this forum, but without going into a long...it's been a long night already, Ordinance No. 2015-023 is \$383,000.00, what I call a reimbursement from the State of Ohio for the May 12th storm disaster. Again, I've been here a long time and I must say that I've never seen that sizable amount from the State of Ohio- through the hard work of, as the former Chief said, the board of directors-your board Mayor, to receive that kind of money. I mean that is an awesome large amount; and it's just another one of the roll-ups your city under the leadership of the group that is here. I do want to compliment Council too because as he said it so well, he couldn't maneuver the way he is able to without a Council that understands the objective of his leadership. \$383,000.00+ for a storm that the good Lord gave us and we got some tax dollars back...a lot. So thank you Mayor, Chief, soon-to-be Chief, I think our Finance Director Joe, I mean this sincerely Mr. Walker, all the guys that were out there that day did an amazing job, the engineering department who came in and realigned things with your experience...it's just an incredible time to receive this kind of money. Mayor, the dedication of those sewer workers, a job that you have to have some solid character to do; tip the hat to them from this Council. I will close the Committee if Mike will allow me at this time.

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

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: Thank you, I have three motions this evening, but I first want to start by thanking Mr. Walker. I actually received calls from residents who were very thankful for our roadways, so thank you. I always say if you have an opportunity...I ran out yesterday and gave the drivers some pops and some candy and stuff so, if you have an opportunity, those are some long hours that they work. They really do a nice job, so thank you. Again, this evening I have three motions:

*****Motion was made by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section F, Lot #118, Grave I. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.*****

*****Motion was made by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to ratify, note and approve the burial of Roman Malskyy in Section F, Lot #118, Grave G, based on the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.*****

*****Motion was made by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to ratify note and approve the burial of John P. Gromen in Section F, Lot #105, Grave E, based on the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.*****

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

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut, I have one ordinance on this evening's agenda; it's Ordinance No. 2015-024 which allows the Mayor to purchase uniforms for this upcoming baseball, softball, and basketball season. There were four bids on this; we are going with the lowest which is Adler. It's coming in at approximately \$36,000.00 which is in line with previous years. In conjunction with this I've been getting emails from the recreation center; you can sign your kids up for baseball. You might not feel like its baseball season, but pitchers and catchers report in a few weeks. You can sign your little ones up for the baseball, t-ball, and softball. That is all that I have for this evening, but if there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

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

(None)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Daymut: We have Ordinance No. 2015-025 on this evening's agenda. That's the replacement pages for the Codified Ordinances. It did receive a favorable recommendation. Are there any questions under Committee of the Whole?

(None)

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

Mayor Perciak: Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone once again. Just a few quick thank yous; first of all, to Joe Walker our Service Director and all of the guys and gals who reported for work over the weekend, Super Bowl Sunday. We had full shifts around the clock, so I want to thank our men Joe and you for your leadership. When we posted the Sunday, being Super Bowl Sunday, I was kind of hesitant wondering how many were going to show up. I was in constant communication with the Service Director on the weekend. He told me that our sign-up sheets were full and that everybody reported for work around the clock. I want to thank you and I want to thank your men for what they've done, and I want to thank all the outside help that came in to give us a hand because in a storm as large as this we simply just don't have the equipment and men to handle a storm this large, even on a round-the-clock basis. Give the guys my thanks and everybody's up here-we do appreciate everything that they do for us.

Mr. Walker – I will certainly pass that on Mayor, thank you. On behalf of the men and women that actually do the work out there for us all I will make sure that they're aware of what has been going on here tonight, so thank you all.

Mayor Perciak – Next, I also would like to announce the ceremonial swearing in of our new Chief, Fire Chief Jack Draves, which will be on Monday, March 2nd here in the council chambers at 8:00 p.m. The ceremonial swearing in of our Fire Chief for the public will be here on Monday, March 2nd at 8:00 p.m. Lastly, as some of the council people alluded to, I'd like to thank Cindy Baldwin, the president of the Arts in Strongsville, for putting together such a fantastic night on Saturday night. We appreciate what that group does for all of us here in Strongsville, from the Day at the Chalet, to the Chalk Walk, for scholarships for our kids. To the entire Arts in Strongsville group, we all say thank you and we appreciate what you do.

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

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) – Barb Draves, I look forward to you being here for the ceremonial swearing in and holding the Bible, and anything else that we need to know about Jack would you please call me and let me know? I think I would take some pleasure in that so I could add some humor to the situation because I'm sure there are instances that I am unaware of that maybe his men or the community would like to know about; so if you could be prepared to have a few remarks that night. That ends my report.

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

(None)

Mr. Southworth – Actually just a statement, I want to thank the Mayor and his Administration. This is now the season of the annual homeowner's association meetings. The Chief of Police was gracious enough to supply a couple of officers to the meeting that Matt and I went to last week. Jennifer Milbrandt was there to discuss tree issues. The police officers did a great job, Jennifer did a great job. I know it just wasn't the one meeting; they're going to multiple meetings. I don't think people fully appreciate just how much the Administration is available to field questions and answer them all. I just wanted to make a statement of appreciation, so thank you very much.

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

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

(None)

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

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Daymut – We've reached that portion of our agenda for audience participation. Comments from members of the audience shall be limited to five minutes. We do have a sign-in sheet, Alex Frazier, please state your name and address for the record.

Alex Frazier, 2800 South 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009 – My name is Alex Frazier and I'm with Hurley and Stewart located at 2800 South 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI. I'm here on behalf of the applicant for the proposed rezoning at Royalton Road and West 130th Street. Since last month's meeting, we've looked into a couple of things; the first being that we attempted to reach out to the neighboring property owners in order to address their concerns. Our developer is very willing to work with them and to work with the city in regards to any type of screening or what have you. Also, we've reached out to the Land Protection Coordinator at the Cleveland Metroparks in regards to the deed restriction that affects the property. It's a forty foot setback for our south property line. We were able to move the site to the north and we feel like we're able to still have a functioning site for our proposed development. I'm also here to answer any questions in regards to those two items. Thank you for your time.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Alex, so it's my understanding now from this conversation you've had with us that you have adjusted the plan for the Metroparks, and obviously this is not a- we're dealing entirely with the zoning issue, but if this matter would be looked on favorably and you end up in front of the Planning Commission you are committing on behalf of the developer to buffer adequately the residential who's next door.

Mr. Frazier – Yes, yes that is correct and that is per my discussion with the Land Protection Coordinator. She was able to kind of give me a little bit more information on the deed restrictions so we were able to modify our site plan to satisfy...

Mr. Daymut – What I'm interested in is the neighbors now. You have a residential house next to it.

Mr. Frazier – Yes

Mr. Daymut - So we are going to-if it's looked on favorably you are going to-

Mr. Frazier – Yes, we are prepared to require screening and work with the city and the neighbors to reach a resolve.

Mr. Daymut – Are there any other questions for Alex since he is here this evening?

(No Comments)

Mr. Daymut – Thank you that ends our sign-in sheet. Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council this evening? Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Dan Ponstingle, 13337 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH 44136 – Good evening Mr. Mayor, members of Council, for the record my name is Dan Ponstingle, 13337 Royalton Road in Strongsville. I've been a Strongsville resident since 1976 and I'm here tonight to continue to oppose proposed Ordinance No. 2014-197. That is what the young man just talked about of course, the change in zoning at the southwest corner of West 130th Street and Royalton Road. I've sent correspondence previously to this body, and I think my neighbors who will follow me will have perhaps made you aware of that. So three basic reasons-four basic reasons I'll just reiterate. Number one deals with the present and perceived traffic problem at that intersection. As I've said in my earlier correspondence, one does not have to have a comprehensive traffic study on hand to see what the issues are. Just sit there one afternoon or one evening or one morning. Number two, I think another MS (motorist service) site there is simply not needed and a casual drive along the eastern end of the city will show that. I believe my neighbor Mr. Joe Nicholson has already counted thirteen such facilities within the City of Strongsville. I'll let him address that. Mayor Perciak, of course, in his public letter at some time back also had expressed a concern. Number three, I've had long time concerns about any convenience stores serving alcohol. I'm a former police officer and so I can relate to that, although it's been some time. I was really nervous about that and I continue to be nervous about that decades later too. Finally, as I also said in my prior correspondence to you, let's keep Strongsville as green as possible, not just for us, but for our children and our grandchildren who are already here. I'd like to see that. If at all possible, and I know they're working with the Metroparks here too, if we could avoid that situation I'd like to see it. Therefore, I would continue to object to that passage of that ordinance that changes the zoning status, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Okay, is there anyone else that would like to address Council this evening? Please state your name and address for the record.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Lisa Nicholson, 36140 Capel Road, Grafton, OH 44044 – Good evening, Lisa Nicholson, I reside at 36140 Capel Road. I addressed Council at the last meeting. My concerns are still the same. They would happen to be that the property adjacent to the proposed rezoning is a residence. It has been maintained and used uninterruptedly for over sixty years. Again, I'm concerned with the everyday hustle and bustle, lighting-not only from cars, signs...I don't really want to read everything I read last time because you pretty much know that we would like yard screening. As far as noise vibrations, odors, blowing dust, debris, and fire materials-fire or hazard materials, we would like that also buffered and screened. We respectfully request that the yard screening and landscaping meet or exceed the standards set forth in the zoning code, which is in the Yard Regulations Business District No.4 which states, "A lot which is developed with a residential use be shielded with a solid masonry wall not less than six feet in height above grade." I'm also concerned about the Metroparks. It sounds as if there are some deed restrictions involved and they are planning on moving things to preserve our nature area. I would respectfully ask that they be shielded also from any environmental harm. Thirdly, I am concerned with the traffic as Mr. Ponstingle was. You cannot make a left hand turn anywhere near the Royalton Road/West 130th Street/Edgerton Road. It's very, very difficult and I believe that a motor vehicle service would complicate that. To recap, I would like you to consider the proper screen through residential areas that are there, protection of Metroparks from any environmental harm, and to consider the traffic congestion in the area and see what you could do to lessen the difficulty in that area, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Lisa, we appreciate it. Is there anyone else that would like to address Council this evening? Please step the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Joe Nicholuson, 36140 Capel Road, Grafton, OH 44044 – Good evening Council, my name is Joe Nicholson. I reside at 36140 Capel Road. Without being too long, I'd just like to say that I agree with all the points that Mr. Dan Ponstingle has brought to order tonight, and also Lisa Nicholson as well. I think we all feel the same- screenings need to be there, the protection for the park (Metroparks) and the residential property that my mother resides at. Pretty much, I'm not going to drag this out, but I just ask for your considerations on those concerns, thank you very much.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Joe, is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council this evening? Please step to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2014-197 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 ROYALTON ROAD AND WEST 130TH STREET, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM LB (LOCAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO MS (MOTORIST SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION (PART OF PPN 399-01-005). *First reading and referred to Planning Commission on 10-20-14. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 11-07-14. Second reading 11-17-14. Public hearing and Third reading 01-05-15.*

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

Roll Call: All Nays. Motion fails.

Ordinance No. 2014-197 DEFEATED.

Ordinance No. 2015-009 by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN FIELDSTONE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 FOR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE; ACCEPTING CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSTRUCTED THEREIN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTS REQUIRED IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 01-20-15.*

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. 2015-009 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-020 by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 FOR A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO., INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE PEARL ROAD WIDENING PROJECT PHASE II (CUY-42-0.00), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2015-020 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2015-021 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 13621 ROYALTON ROAD (PPN 398-29-019) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM LB (LOCAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO R-RS (RESTAURANT-RECREATIONAL SERVICES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Resolution No. 2015-022 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR 2015 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. 2015-022 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-023 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES WITH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY THROUGH THE STATE DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A NOTICE OF AWARD & GRANT AGREEMENT, ALL AS A RESULT OF THE MAY, 2014 FLOODING DAMAGE EXPENSES INCURRED BY 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. 2015-023 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-024 by Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUTH SPORTS WEARING APPAREL FOR USE BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-024 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2015-025 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY FOR THE LAST HALF OF 2014, REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, 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. 2015-025 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

(No Comments)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

February 2, 2015
Date of Approval