

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 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, June 1, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.**

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

Absent: City Engineer Ken Mikula.

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

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

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Maloney advised Ordinance No. 2015-057 this is a public hearing this evening for the amending of the zoning map. Right outside on Westwood Road. To change from General Business (GB) to Restaurant-Recreational Services (R-RS); related to a proposed Mitchell's Ice Cream. Pending outcome of the public hearing, if we do not hear any negative commentary or objections then I will be proposing to adopt. If we do hear anything that needs to be looked into further, then we will place this on third reading. Mr. DeMio asked about parking. Mayor Perciak stated that is to be working out with Planning Commission. This is just for the zoning change. Mr. DeMio asked where they are going to park. I do not want to know the number count then, just where they are going to park. Mr. Kolick stated they will be into the back with the other development that is there. They will have a connecting parking lot. Mr. DeMio stated that they are not going to use the parking where we have the corn roll...Mr. Dooner added, where we are parking right now. Mayor Perciak stated they will not, but advised that there is nothing to stop people from parking there. Mr. DeMio understood. Mayor Perciak added that there will be parking. Mr. Maloney added that the land surrounding that towing service is going to be redeveloped. Mr. DeMio noted that their sign is down. Mr. Maloney stated the sign came down because everything is currently up in the air as far as what will be developed. Mayor Perciak added that the City is working with them, through Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Building Department. They come in with one set of ideas, we give them...Mr. Schonhut stated that it has been on the agenda many times. Mayor Perciak added that we have had our differences of opinion. Ordinance No. 2015-107 this is an ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to issue and approve change order number 6 for an extension of the completion date for some remaining punch list items on the Pearl Road Widening Project (Phase II). This is for 60 days. Recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Mayor Perciak added that the City wants them to finish up whatever little landscaping and the few driveways they may have and they will be done. As all of you know, they had the road open November 23<sup>rd</sup> or whatever the date was. Way before the April deadline date and they have been working at a pace just to finish things up. We're fine with this. Recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-108; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Priem Road Culvert Replacement Project. This has already come through from bidding and we are at the point where we can start the work. Mayor Perciak added that if you looked at the bids, \$300,000.00; \$400,000.00; \$500,000.00. Fabrizi came in at the lowest. This is just the beginning of a trend that we are having with bids now a days. As most of you are aware, the construction trades are really beginning to boom, especially in this town.

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee (cont'd):

In some instances, we are actually calling people to come pick up plans, just to give us a bid. The bidding process is becoming a bit tenuous, to say the least. As more and more of the contractors become busy, in the private sector, they tend to stay away from public bidding. Mr. DeMio asked who is doing Gatepost Road and Albion Road. Mayor Perciak stated Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. is doing Gatepost Road and Konstruction King, Inc. is doing Albion Road. They did work out a peaceful solution to how they were going to handle that. Mr. DeMio asked if they were working with the residents, the flow of the street. Mayor Perciak stated that they are doing their very best to coordinate all their efforts with our residents. Mr. DeMio asked if the signs now apply to what is actually going on there. Mr. Schonhut stated it says, "Detour," but nothing is blocking the street. Mr. DeMio wants to verify that everything is resolved. Mr. Carbone stated that he travels it and everything is good. Ordinance No. 2015-109 is authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant of easement. This is tied to the West 130<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Station Project. This is an easement from Spyglass Hill Homeowners' Association for the work we will be doing there. This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission. Ordinance No. 2015-110 is an ordinance accepting for recording purposes the plat of Edgebrook Subdivision Phase 2. We will be placing this as well as Resolution No. 2015-111; a resolution declaring the intent of Council to accept for dedication certain streets with Edgebrook Subdivision Phase 2, on first reading. We are still waiting for a signed easement from the property owner for the sanitary sewer. When that is all wrapped up, it will come back before Council. The last item that was added to our modified agenda is Ordinance No. 2015-114; an ordinance enacting new sections to our Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances specific to establishing regulations for brewpubs and microbreweries. This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission for their review. Mr. Maloney added that we had the storm over the weekend and there were a couple instances of some flooded basements in Ward 4. I have been in conversation with effected homeowner's as has the Engineering Department and Service Department. Lyon Lane in particular, we had a meeting today and we got some ideas on how we are going to attack that in the very near future. There will be more to come on that and the Mayor may speak to that during his comments later on tonight. Mayor Perciak confirmed he will touch on the meeting during his comments. Mr. Daymut requested that on Ordinance No. 2015-114, if Mr. Maloney could take to Planning Commission, it is in the body of the ordinance, but the integrity of the area for aesthetics, for materials. If you could make sure that is addressed at the Planning Commission meeting, I would appreciate it. Obviously my Ward, residents down there were promised a lot of things with...and Legacy Village that never came to forewishes, but at least what has been put up there so far is acceptable to them. On behalf of my residents, if you could take that back to Planning Commission and make sure we are on the same page here. Mr. Maloney stated that he will definitely do that.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-112; an ordinance ratifying and authorizing an application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for 24 bulletproof vests. Chief Kobak added it is \$24,000.00 and this is an application that the Police Department does every other year. The grant is good for two years. The department is in need of 24 vests in the next two years. Mr. DeMio commented that the Honor Guards were awesome at graduation yesterday. Mayor Perciak added that he was there on Friday when they were practicing and he talked to four classes there Friday. Three advance government classes and one government class. I spent all Friday morning at the high school. Mr. DeMio mentioned that from the powers to be downtown where I work, your guys, in case they were need, they said were very well prepared and organized. That was from the folks that are actually there. Mayor Perciak added that Mayor Jackson has been very fore right through this whole thing and has been very gracious and we've, Chief Kobak and Chief Williams have worked together along, I think very well, as to what needed to be done there. We have a great working relationship with them, period.

Public Safety and Health Committee (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio stated that is good to know; but, the guys that are on the line, the guys that actually you saw on TV the other day, went back to the Justice Center, on Ontario side, those are the guys that I was talking about, which is different. That makes a big difference to me. The white collars could say what they want; but it's the men and women that are on the beat. Chief Kobak thanked Mr. DeMio for his comments and stated that he would pass that information along.

Communication and Technology Committee: Mr. Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-113; amending section 1 of Ordinance No. 2015-014 this is through Verizon Wireless for our cellular service. No addition dollars just extended the contract length to meet what the United States General Services Administration contract length. They extended Verizon's terms, cleaning it up to make it run through the end of the year.

*\*President Daymut went out of order before Finance Committee.*

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Daymut stated he will give a report of the meeting from May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center on the floor. The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*\*President Daymut reviewed the agenda. He noted that there will be an appointment of Rev. Joseph R. Mamich this evening; a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-057. Mayor Perciak requested that if there is no objection to Ordinance No. 2015-057 if the legislation could be adopted tonight. President Daymut confirmed that if there was no objection to the public hearing that it would be adopted. President Daymut noted that tonight's agenda needs to be amended to add-on Ordinance No. 2015-114 and the motion will be made during the start of the meeting.\**

Finance Committee: Mr. Dooner stated that this evening, they would like to have general discussion regarding the library levy. Mayor Perciak stated that Matthew Stuczynski, the City's Financial Advisor was present. Mr. Dubovec noted that on November 7, 2000, the residents of the City of Strongsville passed a ½ mill levy for the purposes of repaying a \$7.2 million bond issue for the library. That issue currently is going to be paid off in fifteen years. We did our due diligence. We refunding a few years back and we were able to shorten the length of the term of the bond by going to notes. We've paid it off five years early and approximately saved the residents about \$3.5 million. The levy is due to expire at the end of this year. Mr. Stuczynski congratulated the City on doing that. He continued that it was fortuitous that Council and the Administration sought it clear to refinance that debt and pay it off early and saving all the residents \$3.5 million is outstanding. You have this ½ mill coming off. The ½ mill is scheduled to expire this year. In 2016, everyone in Strongsville's taxes will go lower. As you think about and as we look around northeast Ohio and other cities in Ohio, as they have millage opportunities like this, where they have millage expiring either from a bond issue, typically from a bond issue, it's not uncommon for cities, school districts, to consider a way to keep that millage the same. Use the millage in a different manner. There has been prior consideration at least at a couple different Finance Committee meetings in the past. To consider, instead of letting that millage fall off, use that millage and go back to the voters for this ½ mill to be repurposed as a street levy. The current millage generates about \$700,000.000 annually. There was some contemplation or suggestion that the ½ mill, if put before the voters, might be considered as a five year levy. Then go back to the voters each year with that ½ mill. As I mentioned, that's often times in the State referred to as a "No new millage" campaign. You are basically taking the same millage that is falling off and putting it back on the ballot and you are using it for a different purpose. Most cities in northeast Ohio are struggling to try and find ways to finance or fund their street programs. Strongsville has a unique opportunity here, instead of letting that fall off and come back for some levy at some point in the future. Just continue the current tax rate and use that ½ mill for the streets and \$700,000.00 would fund quite a lot on an annual basis.

Finance Committee (cont'd):

Mr. Dubovec stated that the three years, what we've done to fund our road program was use our over budget for the first six months of our withholding taxes. Anything that was over budget, we applied to finance our road program. Currently, this year we running a little bit behind, we're about flat maybe one percent growth over last year. There is not much that we have right now to put into for additional roads. What we did for the Pearl Road Phase II program, we loaned some money to the Pearl Road fund from the General Fund and that money is being repaid back this year, when we're getting all the financing that's getting wrapped up. Mayor Perciak clarified that it was an intergovernmental loan from one line item to another. These were dollars that we did not go out and borrow or note or any other way. It was a fund borrowing, from fund to fund. Mr. Dubovec stated it was working capital. Basically a working capital loan that we...this year we have got the two concrete road programs and the asphalt street program. That is close to \$3 million that we did under road program for 2015 that we've spend or going to be spending so far this year. Mayor Perciak stated that at this point, because of the uncertainty of the withholding tax collections, we're not in a position to say that we can commit any more money to streets. When we did vote on that last issue, we said that if for some reason withholding taxes do not come in, at the level we expect, that we will have to go note whatever balance that we may have to, to meet our commitments. Mr. Stuczynski commented that concrete programs typically run north of a million dollars. Mr. Dubovec provided all members present with a spreadsheet that was discuss during the April Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Stuczynski stated that we are just revisiting numbers that were circulated earlier this year. We point out that the concrete program is typically over a million dollars and the asphalt program; I believe this year is north of \$600,000.00. Mr. Dubovec stated it was \$626,000.00. Mr. Stuczynski stated that if you look at the bottom of that sheet that was just passed out to, it gives you an assessment of the streets. In the last eleven years, there was \$9.6 million in concrete program and about \$11.8 million in asphalt. As the Mayor and Mr. Dubovec mentioned, depending on the nature of some projects, obviously those programs go in excess of what I just referred to. If you look at Mr. Mikula's summary, in terms of what is in poor condition, you have seventeen miles of centerline streets. You are looking at about \$16 million worth improvements needed in the next one to five years, clearly a need for a funding source for more street improvement. This millage is going to expire this year and we are running close to missing an opportunity to put it on the ballot to consider using it for street levy for next year. The deadline is August 5, 2015 to get a ballot issue on November election. Mr. Dooner asked if we put this on the ballot, we will designate it specifically goes to streets. Mr. Stuczynski stated this is must be captioned, "a new levy for street improvements." The challenge is this, communicating to the community that a ½ mill is rolling off and this is in substitution for that ½ mill. It will be forced to refer to as a new levy. Media and the challenge of our marketing this, making sure that it is understood that a ½ mill is rolling off and this ½ mill is going in its place. The taxes will remain the same. Mr. Daymut asked if they would remain the same. There is not a difference because today's dollar verses whenever this was originally passed. There should be a difference in that. Mr. Stuczynski exemplified that the only difference is that there is a State law change, at the State level, which has now eliminated the homestead exemptions, that's correct for new levies. There is a minor deviation for those new levies as opposed to a levy that is expiring. This levy has been on for 15+ years. Any new levy would have to; a resident now no longer gets the benefit of that twelve in-a-half percent payment from the State of Ohio. Mr. Daymut asked if he was incorrect, the levy was initially passed and we renew it over a period of time, it stays on the dollar amount that was original passed. Mr. Dubovec stated it would be a new levy. Mr. Daymut stated that a new levy...Mr. Dubovec noted what the housing market did. We did go up when it was locked in. It went back down and now we are going back up. He referred to another spreadsheet, current AV Tax Year 2014, collection in 2015. That is our current valuation and multiple that by a ½ mill; you will see that it is \$707,000.00. That is what it is going to generate. There is a two-step process that we get involved with. We have to do a resolution requesting the County to determine or verify the amount that we're going to collect from the ½ mill.

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Once they do that, another piece of legislation will have to be passed that we are going to send it down to the Board of Elections. There is an issue, the County has lost some employees and they are behind in scheduled in all their financial matters. The City is still waiting for two ordinances for appropriations for certificate of estimated resources. That might be a consideration that are we going to be able to turn something around because our bond council, Squires, Sanderson and Boggs will have to get involved with this. They do the request and the County gives us the information. Mr. Stuczynski stated that the first piece of legislation that the Council would consider which is sending the request to the Auditor to confirm the amount of the millage. After the Auditor approves them, then Council would consider legislation putting it on the ballot. As Mr. Dubovec mentioned, Mr. Stuczynski stated it is a two-step process and I believe only three Council meetings before August 5<sup>th</sup>. We're running out of time if you want to consider doing this. Mr. Stuczynski asked if Mr. Daymut was clear on the issue of the millage. Mr. Daymut stated that he understand the twelve percent. If it cost me \$35.00 then and our valuation is a little more now, it's going to cost me more than \$35.00. Mr. Dubovec advised that it is about the same. Mayor Perciak added that the valuation of the community is billion five hundred thirty million before the recession. Since the recessions, the valuations are a billion four hundred forty million. Mr. Stuczynski stated that was voted millage that was used for the bond issue. It was not subject to an effective rate of deduction. Maybe what you are thinking is when the ballot issue...Mr. Daymut stated that his understanding that it remains the same if it is a renewal. It remains exactly the same. No matter when...as many times as we renew it; it remains the same. The point is if I understand this correctly, if I paid \$35.00, I pay \$35.00 plus an extra twelve in-a-half percent. Mr. Kolick advised that if we are going to go with this, we need to get it on the next Council meeting the initial resolution. We need to certify it down to the County because we have just the two meetings in July we need to get it down to the Board of Elections by August 5<sup>th</sup>. We need to get everyone input from Council tonight if we are going to move forward on this. Mayor Perciak questioned when you review the language that goes on the ballot, will the word replacement be a part of that language. Mr. Stuczynski stated it will be listed as a new levy. I confirmed that with Pamela Hanover from Squire Patton Boggs. That was a question we struggled with. Whether or not we could use the term replacement, can we use the term renewal, can we use repurpose. Pam was very clear; it has to be listed as a new levy. Marketing of this has to be done as cleanly and clearly as possible that even though it shows a ½ mill new; it is replacing, we can't even use the word replace, it is substituting for a ½ mill that is falling off. Mr. Daymut verified that we can't use those funds for this purpose so we have to have a new levy. Mayor Perciak commented that what we are really trying to accomplish here is utilize tax dollars that are already out there and really just as Mr. Dubovec and Mr. Stuczynski says, repurpose it. It is dollars we are collecting. It will help us with streets somewhat. If you remember the Finance Council meeting we had, we are unable to determine the full amount of dollars that we will need to repave, rebuilt, fix so many of the streets that we have in town. If you go back to this chart that Mr. Mikula put together, you can see the number of streets that we are faced with. If the price of concrete remains what it is today, it is \$1 million a centerline mile. This would do ¾ of a mile of a concrete street. Mr. Walker, if we were do just a resurfacing, like we just finished on...Mr. Walker stated Fern Canyon resurfacing. Probably about three times that. Three times the length. It cost us about \$85,000.00. Fern Canyon was a very short street. Mayor Perciak stated that if it is a small street and it's just were we are going in and repairing concrete under the asphalt at the joints, pouring curbs and doing asphalt, we will get more streets done. What needs to be made clear here is that, we have many streets to do-what everybody needs to understand that this is not a fix all, this is just to capture dollars that are out there that we will lose if we don't try to recapture them in some form. What we are trying to say is we don't know how many streets we will be able to get done. What we do know is streets are a major issue. This will have the least impact on the residents and the voters. That is why we believe that we should take every opportunity to repurpose this and to plow this right back into our streets. Mr. Carbone commented that he thinks it is important, going back to that finance meeting, one thing that you mentioned, what happened in Brunswick.

Finance Committee (cont'd):

The cure all was passing that millage to and it didn't even make a dent. The expectation from the average resident was well now that we passed this; our streets are going to be taken care of and that's not the case at all. Mr. Schonhut asked if this will be run as a street levy. Mayor Perciak added that's why I said all things I said. This is not the cure all. Are we going to run it as a street levy, the answer is yes. Mr. Stuczynski stated it has to be and Mr. Dubovec added that it can't be used for anything else. Mayor Perciak clarified what he thought Mr. Schonhut was asking are we going to use it for streets because you mentioned it can be used for other purposes. Mr. Schonhut asked is it going to say specifically in the language. Mayor Perciak stated that it is up to Council. Mr. Kolick stated the clause will read that way. The voter will know. Mr. Dooner commented that he thinks it has to say it's going to be for streets. Mayor Perciak commented there is going to have to be some campaign here to make this work. Mr. Schonhut said the only reason he asked because that leaves us \$600,000.00 year short, according to estimates of here and here (*referring to spreadsheet*) and it's tough and run it as a street levy and say, "this is for your streets," and still say well we still need another \$600,000.00 that we don't have to fix it. Mr. Dubovec illustrated on the spreadsheet the various opinions available. Mr. Schonhut stated he understands that and understands capturing the ½ mill as its rolling off; but, it's not going to be...Mr. Dubovec commented that it is not the ultimate solution. Mr. Schonhut continued to say that it's tough to say we're running it as a street levy but still be \$600,000.00 year short according to the numbers here. Mayor Perciak added that when you look at all the streets that need to be done and how much millage we need to obtain, "X" amount dollars per year, yes, this is at the lower end of the scale. No, this is not a permanent solution; but, it at least allows us to capture whatever dollars that is out. Without putting anymore burden on the residents or the tax payers. That's the issue here. Trying to do something without anymore...Mr. Schonhut understood and agrees there needs to be more money. The troublesome part is running it as a street levy and still getting the calls saying, and having to tell them we don't have the money for. Mayor Perciak agrees and we discussed this several times and what I believe in my heart of hearts and going out and asking people to put on some many more mills and increasing their taxes by about \$315.00, I am not sure that will be an easy or sale; or \$262.00 or \$210.00. Mr. Schonhut stated that \$3 mill is not an opinion. Mayor Perciak continued no matter how we're going to approach this, we have to look at what we believe we can accomplish with the residents and then take that and use that as a spring board going forward. Mr. Maloney added that it seems it would be communicating it as a step. It's a way for us to get \$700,000.00 in our annual funding that will not cost them more money out of pocket and allow us to do a certain number of more streets than would we otherwise would be able do if we let it just fall off. Telling them that our own assessment says, you look at poor, we need \$15 million worth of work or \$3 million a year over the next five years just to get caught up with the poor streets. \$700,000.00 is not going to get us all the way there; but, do we want to just let it go away. Then we say we will continue to talk in the future about what other opinions we might have. Mayor Perciak stated it's a Band-Aid. It's not a permanent solution. Mr. Maloney added that it's easier for people to say, "Okay it doesn't cost me more money at least for this piece." Then to try and go to say we want more money. Mr. Daymut commented that it is offering a hope at the end of the tunnel, which we can't provide right now. Mayor Perciak said that in today's day and age, all things being equal, we have to present something that we believe realistically the people would approve. To go out there and tell people we need \$3 mills and it's going to cost them "X" amount of dollars, I am sure that is going to be a hard sell and get nothing. Mr. Walker informed everyone that Bennington Drive is about \$300,000.00 and that was just a resurface. Mayor Perciak continued that seeing right there, if you do two Bennington Drives, the dollars. That gives us two more streets; or three more streets. Mr. Daymut added that it's the law of dimension returns. Eventually get to them which we don't have hope to get to all of them right now. Mr. Daymut took a poll on what Council's feeling was on this. Does Council want to pursue this? It was the consensus of Council to pursue legislation for the next Council meeting. Mr. Daymut noted the need for a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 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 Assistant 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:** Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Assistant Law Director Daniel J. Kolick, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Communication and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Senior Service Director Bryan Bogre, Service Director Joe Walker, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

***Motion made by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to amend the agenda for the following: Add Ordinance No. 2015-114. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:**

Mayor's announcement of the appointment of Rev. Joseph R. Mamich to the position of Chaplain of the Safety Forces in accordance with SCO Section 248.04.

*\*At this time, Mayor Perciak called Police Chief Kobak, Fire Chief Draves, Public Safety Director Charles Goss and Father Joe Mamich forward.\**

Mayor Perciak – Good evening everybody. It's a pleasure tonight to make an appointment of a Chaplain for our Safety Forces which we were unable to fill in past few years. A little bit to be said of our Fr. Joe Mamich here. As most of you know, Fr. Joe is the pastor of St. Joseph Parish. There is a whole long story attached to Fr. Joe coming back home to Strongsville. His mom and dad are here; if you'd please stand up and let everybody know that you are here. This is Joe's mom and dad.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – Joe's Aunt, come on, stand up.

(Applause)

**APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak – Well, to those of you who are much younger than me, Joe was born in 1979-if that tells you anything. Joe, his mom and dad brought him here to Strongsville in 1981. It's a pleasure to appoint Joe to this position. We look at education in our school system and Joe is a graduate of our own, Howard Chapman, Albion and then of course went on to Padua Bruin. I see one of their recent alumni's in the back of the room there. Of course, went on to John Carroll and Borromeo Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in May of 2006. His first assignment was Holy Family in Stow, Ohio. Well at, Holy Family in Stow, Ohio Fr. Mamich, Fr. Joe, Joe, was the Chaplain for the City of Stow from 2008-2010 for their Safety Forces. I just wanted to give you some background as to why Fr. Joe Mamich and why we believe he will an important asset to all of our Safety Forces, which are here tonight to support him. So Father, I'm going to read your appointment:

*Dear Fr. Joe, in accordance with Strongsville Codified Ordinance 248.04 I hereby appoint you to the position of Chaplain of Strongsville Safety Forces. On behalf of the entire community I would like to thank you for volunteering your time to provide this valuable service. It is especially gratifying to welcome you as a partner to our Safety Forces, knowing that you are a Strongsville native. Given your fine record of service, as a Chaplain for the Stow Police Department, as the respected pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, here in the City of Strongsville, I am confident that you are well prepared to accept the duties of this position. Signed Thomas Perciak, Mayor. You are hereby appointed Chaplain for the Safety Forces for the City of Strongsville and I will ask our Safety Director to hand over...*

Mr. Goss – Fr. Joe I have your official credentials here and your identification badge and your City ID that will get you into the City facilities. I would like to say a couple words about what it is that a Chaplain does. I think, most people in the community probably don't know. You might see a Chaplain at a public event, giving an invocation or maybe at some other public ceremony playing a role. Most of the really hard work of a Chaplain goes on in private, behind closed doors. I can tell you first hand, having seen the remarkable difference that a Chaplain can make. It is a profound service that Chaplains play to the community. Sometime when first responders respond to the scene of a crisis or there is some event that delivers, all most immeasurable pain, first responders often struggle for the words to say and the Chaplains know, just the right thing to say. It is invaluable to have them in those cases. Sometimes the job of a first responder itself becomes a heavy burden to carry. Again, a Chaplain can play a profound role in helping first responders. When prisoners are arrested and in our jail and they feel like the whole world is coming down on them, the last person they want to talk are the people that brought them there. Again, a Chaplain is called. It is hard work. They are called at the worse possible hour of the day and respond to the worse possible circumstances that you can imagine. They provide a very, very valuable service to the community and to our first responders. Fr. Joe, you have your letter of appointment, you have your ID and most importantly we have your phone number. We know how to get ahold of you at 3 o'clock.

(Laughter and Applause)

Fr. Mamich – I didn't expect to say anything, but I certainly want to thank the Mayor, as well as the Chiefs and Safety Director Goss for this opportunity. It is something that, I think, especially in some of the times we're living now, both the men and women in blue as well as the fire service, certainly need to know that they are not in this alone. Certainly it is a privilege, and Mayor you put it as profoundly as you usually manage to do in writing, that it is a real privilege. The City gave me so much growing up; to give the opportunity, not only to be here as the pastor; but, also in a very real way, to now work as a partner; as a partner with our Safety Forces for the betterment of our community.



**APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont'd):**

Fr. Mamich (cont'd) – I certainly look forward and I thank all of the firemen and policemen who are here today and look forward to getting to know you and working alongside of you and continue to make a community that we are so very proud to be a part of. Thank you for the opportunity and I look forward to being in the trenches with you all.

(Applause)

Mr. Daymut – Before I continue with the meeting everyone who is here this evening for Fr. Joe, I understand some congratulations would be appropriate. You are more than welcome to stay for our meetings, but you are more than welcome to be excused and congratulate Fr. Joe. Mayor is there any other appointments, confirmations, awards or recognition?

Mayor Perciak – None this evening, Mr. President.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mayor.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance No. 2015-057** 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 VACANT REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON WESTWOOD DRIVE (PPN 396-10-016) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO R-RS (RESTAURANT-RECREATIONAL SERVICES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading and referred to Planning Commission 04-06-15. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 04-09-15. Second reading 04-20-15.

*Council President Daymut opened the Public Hearing on this matter and invited anyone wishing to speak **IN FAVOR** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council at this time.*

Michael Mitchell, 1867 West 25 Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 – Excuse me, I didn't even know you were talking about my project. Well, we'd like to put an ice cream shop right on the square. We think that is an ideal place for an ice cream; to be a part of the Strongsville community. Be there for the happy times and all the other occasions where that square would be center place for the community. We've been working with the Catanzarite family to change that land to be part of the shopping center that they are doing there as well. That's really about it. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Perciak – Could you just give a little bit of a background and history about Mitchell's Ice Cream? When you guys, when you and your brother, what you did? How many stores you have? Where you are at?

Mr. Mitchell – Certainly, thank you. My brother and I started Mitchell's Ice Cream about sixteen years ago. I was just out of Ohio State and we had our first shop in Westlake. We've recently expanded a little bit with our amount of ice cream we can make by building an ice cream kitchen and shop on West 25<sup>th</sup> in Ohio City. We've been actually looking for the perfect place for an ice cream shop in Strongsville for a number of years. We've been working some folks in the Mayor's office of Economic Development, Brent Painter and the staff, to find the right place for a number of years. At some point, let's see, about 3 ½, 4 ½ years ago we were introduced to the people at the mall, at SouthPark Mall. We have a shop there that has been for about going on four years.

Mr. Mitchell (cont'd) – That's nice, we like it; but we really want to be more of the Strongsville community. That's why we do ice cream. We love ice cream but we also really love all the things that ice cream contributes to the community with individuals and family lives. This is a passion of ours; ice cream and community. We hope to be doing this the rest of our lives. Strongsville is the perfect place for this. We sell ice cream in eight ice cream shops, right now throughout the northeast Ohio area, about 30 or so local groceries, about 50 or so local restaurants. We have very slow growth. We're not too ambitious. We don't really want, certainly don't want to be outside the northeast Ohio area but we really like to be able to serve the communities that we're a part of, like Clevelanders our self.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Michael.

Mr. Mitchell – Thank you very much, appreciate it.

Mr. Daymut – Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to speak in favor of this ordinance? Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

(No comments)

*Mr. Daymut then invited anyone wishing to speak **IN OPPOSITION** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council.*

(No one spoke in opposition)

Hearing no further comments in regard to this matter, Council President Daymut closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

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

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, we did have board meeting last week. Much of that board meeting I can't get into. We're doing the executive search for Tom Selden's replacement. That is a really big decision for the hospital and there are a lot, what 30 some board members, there are a lot of different opinions. Just think of how many different opinions we have with seven Councilmembers. Multiply that by four or five and you get an idea of what goes on behind closed doors there. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

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

(None)

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:** Thank you Mr. Daymut. School board approved a proposal from the Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company through Love Insurance Group. This is for the student's insurance for 2015-2016 school year. Our Strongsville VFW Post 3345 donated a 5x8 American flag to Albion. John Robert's donated three, \$140.00 Mother's Day Spa packages, valued at \$420.00 to the schools. Andy Jalwan from St. Vincent-St. Mary will be our new athletic director. He signed a two year contract. Currently his wife and newborn live in Stow but they are looking for house here in Strongsville. Mr. George Anagnostou is going to be our new school treasurer. He is right now a Strongsville resident and he has a contract, it's a three year contact, effective this June 22, 2015 through July 31, 2018. This year we talked a little about the retirements. As of right now, there are eighteen certified positions and then 21 non-certified.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):** One of the non-certified positions, I'd like to, kind of give a little bit of shout out is to our own Mike Daymut's wife, June. She did 25 years as a librarian for the schools. She bounced around at a couple schools but she retired out of Surrarrer Elementary School-a big congratulations to the Daymut family and her years of service. This Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for kids, so please be on the lookout for the kids and shaving cream and all the water balloons. Commencement went well. Prom went and after prom also went well. It's been a great last month for the kids for the Strongsville school district. That concludes my report.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone. Any other questions for Mr. Carbone?

(None)

**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 Building and Utilities. Communications and Technology I have Ordinance No. 2015-113. This is with Verizon Wireless for cellular communication services and equipment; cleaning this ordinance up to extend the term of the contract. Dollar amount does not change. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. That's all I have. I will happily take any questions for either committee.

Mr. Daymut – Are there any questions for Mr. Schonhut this evening under Building and Utilities or Communications and Technology?

(None)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut:** We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. A brief report on our meeting of Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>: we have set the date for our next breakfast meeting that will be September 24<sup>th</sup>. If everything goes well, Southwest General Hospital will be our sponsor to that and will have some announcements at that particular meeting for something to be happening here in Strongsville. I don't want to give it away right now. Innovation Awards, we have some nominations for those at that particular breakfast. No Tech report Ed Oliveros was stuck in Texas with the flooding. He was not able to get back here for that meeting. Business retention/expansion survey is almost finished. We hope to have that out in the next three or four weeks. We're setting our Business Expo, held at the Recreation Center, most likely will be October 29<sup>th</sup>. I will have more information on that as it becomes available. Anybody wishing to participate in that, eventually you call; Brent Painter our Economic Development Director; since the table fill rapidly and we have a limited number available. We received an update on our businesses here in Strongsville. Our next meeting will be Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We did discuss briefly, and for all the residents here, our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up next year. If there are any suggestions for anyone here on Council or Administration, please, if you want to be involved, please contact either the Mayor's office or any of my colleagues here on Council and myself. That's all I have this evening. Thank you very much; any questions for myself under Economic Development?

(None)

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

**FINANCE – Mr. Dooner:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have no ordinances or resolutions before 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, we have a few items this evening. First item is Ordinance No. 2015-057. We had the public hearing on that earlier this evening. Proposed changes to the zoning from general business to restaurant-recreational, out there on Westwood Drive, across from this facility. This had been through first reading, referred to Planning Commission, received favorable recommendation from Planning Commission, had been through second reading and tonight's public hearing. At this point, the recommendation is to adopt this item this evening. Second item is Ordinance No. 2015-107; this is to authorize and direct the Mayor to issue an approved change order no. 6 for the Pearl Road widening project. This is simply to extend the completion date by 60 days to allow them to continue to wrap up the remainder of the punch list for that project. Recommendation is to suspend and adopt on this item. Ordinance No. 2015-108 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Priem Road Culvert Replacement Project. That had already been through bidding and we're at the point now we were ready to award that work. Recommendation is to suspend and adopt on that item. Ordinance No. 2015-109 is to authorize the Mayor to accept a grant of easement for constructing, maintaining and so-forth the work that is associated with a West 130<sup>th</sup> Pump Station Project. This is to gain easement from Spyglass Hill Homeowners' Association. This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission for review. Ordinance No. 2015-110 is to accept for recording purposes the plat of Edgebrook Subdivision Phase 2 and likewise the next item. Resolution No. 2015-111 which is a resolution declaring the intent of Council to accept for dedication certain streets within that subdivision. Will both be placed on first reading this evening, while we are waiting for a signed easement document for sanitary sewers by the property owner and this will come before Council again when we have that documentation. The final item Ordinance No. 2015-114 is to enact new sections of our Planning and Zoning Code. This is associated with regulations for brewpubs and microbreweries. This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission. What I will comment on briefly here, before we close it out or have questions from the rest of Council, related to Planning, Zoning and Engineering, we did once again have a heavy storm over the weekend. I know in my case, once I realized we had another one these storms, were it just wasn't moving and it was dumping a lot of rain, I got out throughout my Ward and hit the usual areas where I know we have challenges. In this case we did have a couple streets that were affected; Lyon Lane, within The Woods Development and some homeowners on Glen Cairn Way, over by Kylemore Drive and Prospect Street. Those are the ones that have come to our attention that we know of. We've extended an invitation to the community to certainly make sure that they get to the City and make us aware of any areas that were affected that we don't know about yet. In particular with Lyon Lane, I did get with the Mayor and the Engineering Department and the Service Department this afternoon, we had an Administrated meeting to talk about what had happened there and the history there. There were some ideas that were discussed that we will potentially be pursuing going forward. I defer more specific comments to the Mayor when he gives his report.

Mayor Perciak – No, Mr. Maloney I think at this point I will defer that to you. You brought that to my attention to the Administration's attention. The Council President was present. So please, go ahead and then I'll fill in the blanks for you.

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

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney (cont'd):**

Mr. Maloney – Okay. We do have a couple things that we do believe will be able to, to make a difference over there in the future that will alleviate some of pressure that we've had when we get the heavier rain and having it backing it up and causing issues for homeowners there. We have some details to work out. Some of which are confidential that we will have to wait until those work their way through the process and we can't comment on right now. They are associated with property. The good news is we do think we have a couple things that we will be able to do in the near future that are not at an exorbitantly high cost either. That has been a challenge as well as to how we fund, if it becomes a major project, that is what sometimes created delays in wanting to do what we would like to attack as ways to expand capacity or improve the system. I think it was a good discussion and I'm glad that we ended up coming out of that meeting with a plan of action in a couple areas in particular. There should be more information coming in the very near future. Certainly before the end of summer, we'll let people know what we're going to be doing and how we believe it will help. Mayor if there's anything that you'd like to add?

Mayor Perciak – Yes, the question really is the Engineering Department is going to go through all the specs of the current retention basin there. We have to be careful widening and deepening may not be the answer. We are going to look at a way to extend that basin more north if we can. In order to do that, this is just one of the opinions, we may either have to acquire some property back there, get an easement for some of that property back there. At the end of the day, there is going to be legal things to be done to get that done. We have also discussed trying to move the project more east to extend it that way. We looked at that header wall and everything else that's there. That is under consideration. We also discuss in depth of getting together with the homeowners association there and see if there is any other available property that we could use to future extend that basin. There is a lot of things that we're going to do, but I can assure you, we had the Council President there and I've asked the Council President to take this to his colleagues. We're going to do something with that retention basin as quickly as we can. There's also an elbow or a turn that we're going to try and fix and eliminate that for you as quickly as possible, as soon as we can get the material and we should be able to do that relatively quickly. For the record, we are going to do whatever we can, however we can and we will come to you with all the details. We believe that with doing all the cleaning that we did, doing all the sanitary sewer fixes that would have accomplished it. Cleaning out that stream on Blue Spruce Drive, as you can see what happened there, the storm came. The other side of the story, as this storm effected Ward 2 and Ward 4, the south end of town. There may have been some effect on the north end of town, but minimal. That just goes to show you, we cannot control the rain or the weather. We have made significant progress in other ends of the community. There is always a situation we just cannot get our hands around. Unfortunately, yours is one of them. What we need to do also, for the people that are listening that live in Ward 2, most of you know what happened on Boston Road and in Ward 4. It was a deluge. We had to close that road. We have to redo the brims. It was impassible with all the water that was coming to us from our surrounding communities. Most of you know we have no jurisdiction there. The other part is there has been discussion by some of you about the new subdivisions that were added. Those sewers and those retention basins were working and did hold a lot of the water back, which enabled us to contain this storm. Had we not had Pearl Road completed this time, had we not had those retention basins working this time, had we not had those retention basins build in the new Fieldstone Subdivision, this would have been far worse. How much is this going to cost us? Hundreds of thousands for sure and I have to come back to Council here and get their authorization. There is, I am limited under law on spending anything \$49,999.99. A penny over that, I have to come to Council. This is why we're saying it's going to be a process but we can assure you we're going to do something and we're going to get it done. We just don't know as to what form it's going to take.

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

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) – Mike, if you want to come in and set something up with Ken Mikula, you are welcome to come in and do that and whoever you want to bring with you. I know Mr. Maloney was there on Saturday evening. I was on other ends of the town traveling town with our Engineer. This has been an all-out effort as most of you know when these things happen on a Saturday night, it's difficult to get staff in. We did get staff in, we got over twelve men come in on Sunday and help us do whatever we needed to have done. Nobody wants this aggravation, more so than you. We realize that. We're going to move on it. We're going to move on it as quickly as we can. I think that Council is going to support these measures. I just have to be legally compliant and there's nothing I can do about the Ohio law. I have to operate within the ORC code. Our Law Director here has made it crystal clear to me as to what my authority is, what my authority is not. That's where it's at. Does that end your report?

Mr. Maloney – Yes, you did a good job of adding the remainder. Thank you.

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

(None)

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio:** I am going to be very brief because I know some people currently want to come up. Basically we have an ordinance that is going to allow the purchasing of 24 bulletproof vests. I believe its \$12,300.00, we're looking for assistance on that, and the support of Council is there. That's really it. I'm going to keep it extremely short.

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

(None)

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone:** Mr. Daymut I do not have any resolutions or ordinances this evening on the agenda.

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

(None)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, much like Mr. Carbone I do not have any resolutions or ordinances on this evening's agenda.

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

(None)

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

(None)

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

**Mayor Perciak:** I said enough already.

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

(None)

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

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

(None)

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kolick:** Thank you, Mr. President. I am pleased to report that our Law Director, Mr. Kraus is progressing and you may see him sooner or later at least on a part time capacity start back here. The second item I have is this Council did object to liquor permit back in April 6<sup>th</sup> for SHTC at 15323 Pearl Road in the Town Center that was subject to items with the Building Department. Those items have been resolved. We did withdraw those objections and the department is going to forward and process the transfer request. The last item I have is that all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda are in proper legal form, thank you.

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

(None)

**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, please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record. Matt Taylor.

Matt Taylor, 19040 Blue Spruce Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149: Good evening ladies and gentlemen of Council. My name is Matthew Taylor. I am a resident of The Woods, over on 19040 Blue Spruce Drive. Mr. Maloney, I believe I spoke with you a little earlier today regarding some of the issues that we've had. Just so that the Council is aware, the issues are not just limited to Lyon Lane and future south. We experience some flooding. We just recently moved in to our home in December of 2013. We've only been there about a year and half at this point. We've experienced the one flood last year and now with the rains that came down, we experienced not only, luckily we did not have it into our basement, but we lost two in half to three feet of our property into the creek that became a small river. Upon walking around yesterday afternoon once...

Mayor Perciak – What's your address?

Mr. Taylor – 19040.

Mayor Perciak – What?

Mr. Taylor – Blue Spruce Drive.

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

Mayor Perciak – 19...oh yes, right next to the creek.

Mr. Taylor – Yes sir. We're right next...

Mr. Maloney – Engineering...

Mr. Taylor – Right in our backyard.

Mr. Maloney – Were out there.

Mayor Perciak – I know exactly where you live.

Mr. Taylor – We kind of looked a little bit. We crossed the bridge that is on Blue Spruce. We went and seen where the City last year and the Building Department had come out and placed some boulders where there is another 90 degree turn. Those boulders have shifted and essentially the repair or the fix that was done last year has failed where the boulders have now are sitting in the middle of that creek diverting water into the sides and into the bank at this point. Obviously that is something that we need to, hopefully, have looked at and it sounds like we're on the right path.

Mayor Perciak – The Service Director is already shaking his head.

Mr. Taylor – It sounds like they've already been out this morning and they are doing it.

Mayor Perciak – I saw that when I was there on Saturday evening. I was on the phone with the Service Director by about 10 o'clock that night and as I was walking around in my boots and in the rain I said to him, "This obviously hasn't worked out the way it was engineered to work out." We talked about that at staff this morning and I don't have an answer for you right here, today. Our Service Director also is an Engineer, he's a P.E. and so he is working now with his people to figure out a solution for that.

Mr. Taylor – Wonderful. We just wanted to make sure that it was...

Mayor Perciak – Now we...you know...

Mr. Taylor – Furthermore, so that we do not experience any more property loss or things like that. Thank you.

Mayor Perciak – We don't want you to have any more anxiety or issues than you bring onto yourself, okay.

Mr. Taylor – Thank you very much.

Mayor Perciak – Okay.

Mr. Daymut – Thank Matt. Okay Jim Milligan. Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Jim Milligan, 17802 Lyon Lane, Strongsville, OH 44149: Hi Mr. Mayor, Council. Jim Milligan. I'm at 17802 Lyon Lane. I just have a few thoughts. I came to this meeting last year, after the flood in 2014. May of 2014. I attended several meetings after that time.



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

Mr. Milligan (cont'd) – I spent a good six to nine months convincing myself that my City that I live in did what they needed to do, to get to a point where I wasn't going to flood again. I made the decision to put carpet back into my basement and resume my life as it was. We flooded again this past weekend. When you sit here and you all sit here and you say to us things like, "Things are confidential." I realize there is a legal process with everything but confidential doesn't help me explain to my family and my children why things were hell on Saturday night. It doesn't help me. We need answers from you. I feel that the past year, frankly, you dragged your feet. That's my feeling. You can tell me different. I know that you bought equipment. You sucked the drains. You did the sewers. That's fine. That did not solve the problem as we're now aware. I appeal to Council to fund whatever needs to be done, especially to that retention basin. I brought up the retention basin at several meetings and it was always shut down, that can't be re-engineered. We know when that retention basin was built...

Mayor Perciak – Let me give you a little walk through history here. Anything can be re-engineered. Only one of the Engineers is here tonight. We cannot, even when we do this, we cannot give you any reasonable assurances that will be a cure all. We're going to try it. We're going to see what happens. There is no 100 percent guarantee that you will not get water, even if we spend all this money. We're going to make every effort but you need to know that, going into this. We cannot control water and we cannot control weather conditions. Go on with your comments.

Mr. Milligan – Well I mean, I want to convince myself to get back on with my life as normal. I can't say that I'm at that point now and I hope that what you do will get me to a point where in my mind I feel comfortable...

Mayor Perciak – As do we.

Mr. Milligan – Putting carpet back down. Getting into my basement and watching a movie with my wife and my children. We came to this community from West Park. My basement at my old home never flooded. I've had two floods now. We've lived in this community for seven years. I've been active member working in this community for fifteen years. We moved here because it was a good place to work and it was a good place to live. Right now my home is not a good place to live and it disappoints me. I'm disappointed in the City. I hope that whatever you do, you choose to re-engineer that catch basin, put an angle in, rework whatever water you need to. I'm hoping that it solves the problem because I love this community. That's why I'm here. Thank you.

Mayor Perciak – Gotcha.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Jim. Rick Beechy, am I pronouncing that correctly? Please state your name and address for the record.

Rick Beechy, 18006 Glen Cairn Way, Strongsville, OH 44149: My name is Rick Beechy. I live at 18006 Glen Cairn Way. I am the first house on the right off of Prospect.

Mayor Perciak – Know where you're at.

Mr. Beechy – Not Kylemore, I'm one more street north. First off, thank you for calling me back Mr. Maloney. A couple things, I kind felt like my street, we have three or four houses; we get water in our basements. Now we have a retention pond. Across the street from me and behind the house. I know you guys were talking about, I know a little bit of plumbing from a previous job, I know you're talking about on Lyon Lane, turning a short 90 degree angle pipe if you will into what you call a sweep pipe and I think making it bigger.

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

Mr. Beechy (cont'd) – Just so you know, you did that across the street from my house, I don't remember, last year or year before last, something like that. It didn't totally 100 percent solve the problem. Just so you know. Don't know if it's going to work on Lyon Lane. Have no idea. At my place, it didn't work. I'm not here to be angry with Council but I want you guys to understand where we homeowners are coming from, if you will, and my guess is there are 1,000's of us in Strongsville who, when you combine it, have probably lost millions of dollars in value to our home because our basements are no longer livable. When I moved into my house fifteen years ago, my basement was beautiful. Plush carpet. Wainscoting. Furniture, couches, TV's, VCR's, my kids played down there with their toys. I never, fifteen years ago I didn't have this problem. I have this problem now within the last, couple three years. I'm not an expert. The City has grown and expanded and added my guess is 1,000 of homes and maybe, I don't know 100's of businesses over fifteen years. I wonder if that plays a role in the problems I have now, that I didn't have fifteen years ago. Again, I'm not smart enough to know. What I do know is that, my wife and I own a business about 45 minutes south east of Strongsville. My wife works in downtown Cleveland. I have a son who is getting ready to be a junior in high school and a daughter who is getting ready to be a junior in college. Two or three years from now, I need to be able to sell my home. I've talked to real estate agents who won't take me on as a customer because it will take too long to see my house because water gets in my basement. I've talked to real estate agents who won't take me on as a customer because they'll have to work twice as hard to sell my house for less money because I will be offered less money for my home as a selling price because water gets in my basement. I've been told that I will lose anywhere from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in sale price. Just me. I'm just one guy out of 5,000 homes, 10,000 homes in Strongsville. Add that up. That's where I come up with millions of dollars. Me and lots of other people, we lose lots of money. Real estate agents lose their commissions. Real estate businesses lose their commissions. We...were going to lose our shirt when we go to sell our house. I've been given an estimate of \$12,500.00 to dig a trench around the inside of my basement to catch the overflow water to go to a sub pump, who only the plumbing person, wherever he is, if he's here, will be able to tell us where to put that water. I'm not here to gripe and complain in a mean way; because you tried it on my street, but it didn't...I don't know what else to do. I know that retention pond can be bigger. I've seen the land back there. I think it can be bigger. I think it can be deeper. You guys are the experts but what I'm here to tell you is that there are 1,000 of people like me who are losing, combine millions of dollars in home value and home sales and commissions and so on and so forth. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Rick. That ends our sign in list. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to address Council at this particular time? Please step to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Mike Galloway, 17846 Lyon Lane, Strongsville, OH 44149: I'm Mike Galloway. 17846 Lyon Lane. I'm also on the homeowners association for The Woods of Strongsville. As Joe knows, he's been around longer than anybody up here; he's been to my house back in 1998 when I first flooded. This is now the third time my basement has flooded. I flooded with good seventeen to eighteen inches back in May of 2014. Another six inches Saturday night. Came extremely close to having to put in my third furnace in three years. It's scary. Had that storm not dissipated at 9 o'clock, we would've have loss everything again in the basement. I know you're trying everything you can. I just want to make sure that the City does a comprehensive view of the retention basin and clear out so we're not just patch working this thing. If changing angles, if that helps, thank God. If it means doing something else to the retention basin and networks, thank God.

Mayor Perciak – It's going to be both.

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

Mr. Galloway – Yes. I don't want to see it all done in Lyon Lane and then we got something downstream that doesn't happen and it still has a problem back in our place.

Mayor Perciak – See, but that is exactly what we have to do before we change yours...

Mr. Galloway – I know...and that's why I want to make sure that the City does a comprehensive view of this. That it is just not patch work. It needs to be a full engineering view of this. As Mr. Milligan mentioned earlier, I'm a little disappointed that it's taken us this long to get to this point. I know we're trying to do everything as cheaply as we possibly can, I understand that. We can't play around anymore. I hear comments on TV from City representatives, from phone calls and others, people have said, "Well it's only 'this' amount of houses. It's only 'that.'" Only doesn't fly. Only when you're the only hurts. Hurts severally. Take that into consideration folks.

Mayor Perciak – See, I agree with you and everything that's there. You and I go back a lot of years. At the end of the day we are going to do whatever we have to do. We have to make sure it's correct and we want to get it done this year. Now, there's been...there's a guy today that called. I give you example. He didn't care about your water. He cared about his street. My secretary said to him, "Look, we're dealing with other issues today." He says, "To hell with that issue. You deal with my issue today." This is, no one wants to hear excuses, but everyone has something their dealing with in their own neighborhood in one way or another. That was just two examples. There were dozens of examples just yesterday and today. At no point, I want the record to reflect, have we received 1,000 of calls. In 2014, when we had the big storm that affected all four Wards, we received 100's of calls. Never 1,000 of calls.

Mr. Galloway – Right and I never said that.

Mayor Perciak – I know. I want the record to reflect that also I want the record to reflect that the real estate values in the City of Strongsville, we hold sacred to us. It not only reflects all of our net worth, our individual net worth, each and every one of us. At the end of the day it affects the quality of education we can provide for our kids. As all of us know, our appraised value in this community because of the recession went from a billion 530 million down to a billion 440 million and there was nothing that you or I could do about it and then you throw in all these other nuance, that is a problem. We know it's a problem. We are doing our best to reverse this. There was also, I guess some comment made, I know you're the one standing here, but there was some comment made about the commercial development and everything else we've done. All as I can say is, thank God we've done it. Had we not done it, I don't know where the water would've gone. How we would've accomplished it. That is just like people have talked about Pearl Road, "Well we didn't need Pearl Road." The matter of the fact is if we didn't take that grant money, someone else would have; however, all of the infrastructure that we have corrected because of Pearl Road and Royalton Road and all the other areas have done nothing but help alleviate this water problem. Had we not done it, I have no idea where this water would've run. You have my commitment. You have the Council President's commitment that he's going to work with the Councilmen. You have Mr. Maloney's commitment that we're all going to work together to get this done and to get done in a reasonable time fashion. Again, this guy here, our Assistant Law Director in the absence of our Law Director makes me dot my i's and cross my t's and keeps me out of jail.

Mr. Galloway – Understood.

Mayor Perciak – I do have to comply with the law. We're going to bend wherever we can.

Mr. Galloway – We appreciate that.

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

Mayor Perciak – I don't know how else to put it.

Mr. Galloway – Yes. May I just say that, Mr. Maloney showed up Saturday night after the flood, it just started...my house started flooding at that point. I appreciate you coming out, doing what you could. I know there is nothing you can do in those situations. We were just helpless all staring at water at that point. I did, and I didn't see anybody from the City and I've never seen from the City at that retention basin whenever there's been heavy, heavy rains, and I understand, you never know how hard it's going to rain. From the pictures I took and watching what was happening, there was something that triggered it that I never noticed before. The retention basin, I believe, is supposed to take the runoff from the streets and the streams and those types of things and fill the retention basin up. There's a creek or a stream that runs fifteen, twenty feet to the west of that particular retention basin. They're parallel. You've got the embankment. I can stand in my backyard and I can see the water rising in that creek. It got to the point where it could no longer flow out. It then started filling up the retention basin. As soon as the retention basin filled...or started overflowing into the retention basin, that is when the flooding in the houses started. There are twelve of us, I think, that have flooded, that I know of. I haven't had a chance to count because I've been scrubbing my basement. There are at least twelve folks in our neighborhood that flooded this time. 49 last times. We've made some progress, but that's still not good enough.

Mayor Perciak – No, I agree.

Mr. Galloway – Right.

Mayor Perciak – No argument.

Mr. Galloway – When Mr. Mikula takes a look at this from an Engineering perspective and others take into consideration how close that creek is because that is a significant contributor to the overflow, the overflowing into that retention basin.

Mayor Perciak – He was supposed to be here tonight, but I excused him tonight, he had something very personal that he had to attend to tonight.

Mr. Maloney – I did, I was back there around 9 o'clock the night the rain was coming down. We did get the benefit of, as the Mayor knows, I brought in a whole bunch of pictures.

Mr. Galloway – I've got the actually pictures from 7:30 periodically all the way to 8:30, 8:45.

Mr. Maloney – All that was under water and likewise up in the neighborhood to the north where your water goes through that neighborhood. I got pictures of all that area. I've given all those Service and Engineering Department and when you guys were talking about, "Make sure you look at this not just in isolation." I wanted to just assure you that when we met today, we had maps out on the table that went three neighborhoods north and south. We were looking at the whole system and what was going on with your area in the middle of that system and talking about, "Okay what are the impacts of both in front of and behind. Not just, oh let's go make a quick change here and see if that makes a difference." We were having those kind conversations.

Mr. Galloway – I will take your offer up if Mr. Mikula wants to sit down with us, I will be more than happy.

Mayor Perciak – He'll be in the morning.

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

Mr. Galloway – Okay, have him contact me. Thank you very much.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you. Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council this evening?

(No Comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2015-057** 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 VACANT REAL ESTATE LOCATED ON WESTWOOD DRIVE (PPN 396-10-016) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO R-RS (RESTAURANT-RECREATIONAL SERVICES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading and referred to Planning Commission 04-06-15. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 04-09-15. Second reading 04-20-15.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-057 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2015-107** by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE COMPLETION DATE 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. 2015-107 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2015-108** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PRIEM ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-108 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2015-109** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, OPERATING, USING, REPAIRING AND REPLACING A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM WITH A PUMP STATION AND APPURTENANCES, FROM SPYGLASS HILL HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEST 130TH PUMP STATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Ordinance No. 2015-110** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY THE PLAT OF EDGEBROOK SUBDIVISION PHASE 2, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.***

**Resolution No. 2015-111** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO ACCEPT FOR DEDICATION CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN EDGEBROOK SUBDIVISION PHASE 2, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.***

**Ordinance No. 2015-112** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 1998, 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. 2015-112 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2015-113** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-014 TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT UNDER THE UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY, 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. 2015-113 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2015-114** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 1242.07(b)(4) AND 1258.03(a)(3)(A)(10), OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR BREWPUBS AND MICROBREWERIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

(None)

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

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

(No Comments)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Signature on File  
Tiffany Mekeel, CMC  
Assistant Clerk of Council

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