

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016.

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, April 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

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

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

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Daymut advised Ordinance No. 2016-056 is a rezoning ordinance for property located at 9200 Pearl Road (PPN 395-03-006). This will be rezoned from R-RS (restaurant-recreational services) classification to MS (motorist service) classification. The proposed rezoning is for a car wash. It received a favorable recommendation from Planning Commission and will be placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on May 16th. Ordinance No. 2016-072 is a rezoning ordinance for property located at 19132 Temple Drive. This will be rezoned from PF (Public Facilities) classification to OB (Office Building) classification. It will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission for their recommendation. Mr. DeMio asked if they have plans to get rid of the building or are they just making the building an office condo. Mayor Perciak advised that is not known at this time. Mr. Daymut advised he will ask that at the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Jamison advised this is being sold as an office building. Mr. Dooner asked how big the building is. Mr. Daymut advised it is one story and spans two lots. Mr. Biondillo advised keeping this zoned Public Facility limits that property's options. Ordinance No. 2016-073 authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract for construction of street improvements in connection with the Pearl Road Repair and Resurface Project. The contract is with Ronyak Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$1,866,283.50. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this ordinance. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2016-074. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for professional construction management services in connection with the 2016 Pearl Road Repair and Resurface Project. The contract is with Greenman-Pedersen in an amount not to exceed \$179,917.00. Resolution No. 2016-075 confirms Planning Commission's approval of the final site plan for construction of an Alzheimer Special Care Center at Pearl and Drake Roads. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that resolution.

Resolution No. 2016-083 authorizes the Mayor to advertise a request for qualifications and proposals for professional engineering consulting services in connection with the I-71/SR-82 Interchange Improvements Project. Mr. Schonhut advised he does not want to vote on this legislation until there are meetings with people from the community. Mr. Schonhut advised this project was released to the public the same day council received notification. Mr. Schonhut believes some people in the community knew about this before council was advised and finds that to be a problem. Mr. Schonhut believes the residents have a lot of questions and nothing should start until there is an opportunity to speak to them. Mayor Perciak advised that will be part of the process. He stated in 2013, council previously authorized the administration to apply for funding. Legislation was also passed in 2015 pertaining to this. The process takes time and it was just recent when ODOT responded back to the city with funding and now the city has to react. Mayor Perciak advised the State is willing to step up

and help, but the city has to cooperate. This legislation is Step 1 of the process. Before the city is able to take properties, which would be in 2017, the engineering portion has to be in place. Mayor Perciak advised ODOT is providing funding assistance of \$3.5 million. The city will be applying for more funding in the future as to hopefully make the city's contribution approximately twenty percent. Mayor Perciak cautioned if the city does not act on this and perform in a timely manner, the State will move away from this and give the funding to someone else. He also feels if you start debating or rejecting grants from ODOT, it could lead to a bad working relationship in the future. Mr. Dooner referenced the Boston Road exit ramp that was discussed years ago. He spoke to Councilman DeMio and Councilman Daymut about that possibility and he was advised it was determined that it would not happen because of the two different ODOT districts, the lack of financial contribution from the City of Brunswick, and the cost to our city at that time would have been approximately \$25 million. Mr. Dooner also commented that he was under the impression that when the slip ramp at Shurmer Road was discussed previously, it was a dead issue; that the State was not going to give the city money. Mayor Perciak stated it was, but the city kept going back to the State and working with them. What also became a factor were all the motor vehicle accidents and the safety issues on I-71. ODOT then reevaluated that area and realized something needed to be done. Mayor Perciak recalled back a few years ago where council wanted administration to do a traffic study and look at the congestion issues in the area of I-71/SR 82/Howe Road. It was during that time when administration started making applications for funding. Mr. DeMio also mentioned that he believed this was a dead issues and that's why council stopped discussing this with residents. Mr. Daymut recalled the discussions years ago pertaining to the Boston Road exit ramp. He stated there were many meetings between our city and the City of Brunswick. It was determined after all of those meetings that our city would have to pay for the whole project. Mayor Perciak added that the road widening of Boston Road from Pearl Road to W. 130 Street would have been \$18 million at the time, and Brunswick was unable to fund their portion of the cost. Mr. Mikula commented that he doesn't want anyone to think that this particular project would preclude the possibility of an interchange at Boston Road. At this time however, there is some real pressure at the area of Royaltown Road, Howe Road and I-71. What the city is trying to do is remove some traffic that is already traveling down Howe Road so that it doesn't have to go through that intersection. This is one modification by adding one ramp, one movement to the existing situation over there. Mr. Schonhut asked Mr. Mikula if he felt this would encourage more traffic to come off of that ramp. Mr. Mikula referred back to the engineering traffic study. He stated that was a destination study to tag where the vehicles were going off the ramp. That is why this has been approved by ODOT. In answer to Mr. Schonhut's question, Mayor Perciak advised not necessarily because when you are traveling south on Howe Road, you are either continuing southbound, or making a right to head onto Shurmer Road. People that want to bypass the mall or head into Brunswick are using Howe Road. This would be a one-lane slip ramp that will spread out into a proposed three lane area with a turn lane going north. Mr. Schonhut asked why does Howe Road need widened to five lanes. Mr. Mikula advised because of the way traffic is there now on that road. Mr. Mikula advised this is in the very early stages of the planned development process which has to take place in working with ODOT. Starting from the planned preliminary development through selection of alternatives will include public meetings. Mr. Mikula feels any public meeting premature to that might jeopardize the city's funding. The included public meetings will take into account their comments, be analyzed and then be presented in the environmental document to ODOT, which they need to approve. Resolution No. 2016-083 is a part of this initial planned process. Mr. Schonhut feels that this project was not rolled out well to the residents and himself, and that is not fair when it is affecting the livelihood of the residents in that area. Mr. Schonhut stated again he does not want to vote on this legislation until there are public meetings with the residents to discuss this matter and get their input. Mr. Schonhut also advised that the previous legislation does not discuss anything about a slip ramp. Mayor Perciak stated it was identified and the city applied for the funding and this is what ODOT has proposed. Mr. DeMio believes for a Ward Councilman, it wouldn't be fair to not have a public meeting with the residents to discuss this. Mr. Mikula advised until this legislation passes, there will be no outside engineering to discuss this with the residents; therefore, how will questions the residents have be answered? Mr. Carbone would like more knowledge why it was determined to have a slip ramp at

Howe Road/Shurmer Road and not slip ramp at Boston Road. He would like to know the cost difference of those two. He would also like to know the percentage of traffic they're looking to get off of Royalton Road. Mr. Schonhut stated he cannot understand the lack of communication about this and did not understand how many outside people could know about this project before council knew. Mr. Dooner asked the Mayor when he received the letter from the State notifying him of this. Mayor Perciak advised he received the letter on March 30th. Mr. Short along with Mr. Dooner advised they received numerous calls from residents asking about this and asking when they could give their input. Mr. Short also agrees there should be a public meeting to discuss this. It was determined this resolution will be placed on first reading.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-076. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract to purchase a new Stryker Power Pro Cot, and the trade-in of an obsolete Stryker Power Pro Cot. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2016-077. This is authorizing the sale of certain components of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment utilized by the fire department. Ordinance No. 2016-078 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for financial assistance under the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Law Enforcement Grants Program. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that ordinance. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2016-079. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for an emergency medical service (EMS) billing service and system for the city's department of fire and emergency services. The contract is with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. Mr. DeMio advised this will generate approximately \$900,000.00/year which will go to safety equipment and emergency vehicles.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2016-080. This is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the purchase of general pavement services for 2016 for use by the service department. Resolution No. 2016-081 is to authorize the Mayor to advertise a request for qualifications and proposals for suppliers of gasoline and diesel fuel for the city's service department. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that resolution. Mr. Carbone asked Mr. Walker if an agreement could be worked out with the schools to share this service. Mr. Walker advised he didn't believe this would not be cost effective. The only way to be cost effective would be to buy by the truckload which is two thousand gallons at a time. Mr. Walker advised he would check with the schools and see how much of a supply they need.

Communications and Technology: Chairman Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-082. This ordinance is to enter into a contract for the purchase of cellular communication services and equipment for use by various departments of the city. The contract is with Verizon in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised he will give his report on the floor of council.

Mr. Dooner advised council of the upcoming Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 6th at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Southworth 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, Michael J. Daymut, Duke Southworth, Kenneth M. Dooner, Gordon C. Short, and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Service Director Joe Walker, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 21, 2016 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes, thank you Mr. Southworth. There has not been a school board meeting since our regular council meeting, but I just want to remind everybody that the community walk-through for Drake Elementary, Albion Middle School and Center Middle School are coming up. Actually, one is tomorrow from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, and that's at Drake Elementary on Albion Road. Then we have Albion Middle School's which will be Tuesday, April 12th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Then we have Center Middle School on Tuesday, April 9th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Then we have a walk through all three on Saturday, April 23rd. I really encourage our community, whether you have children or not in the district, to really go check out the building that we will be closing. I think it will reassure you that the bond issue was the right thing to do in the community and the opportunities the kids are going to have come this Fall is going to be unbelievable. I think when we vote for something like that, we vote as a community, we pay as a community, and I think it's important to see where your tax dollars are going. That ends my report.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Carbone, are there any questions for Mr. Carbone?

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – Just really briefly Jim, I know you go to the school board meetings. As a body, I would like you to thank the school board, the superintendent, the athletic director, who are allowing us to use the high school Wednesday, at 7:00pm promptly in the gymnasium, the 8th grade Washington DC trip. They're allowing us to use that at no cost. The reason I point that out is because it goes right into what you talked about, all the ongoing dollars and ongoing...renovation for lack of a better term at the high school. For those people who haven't seen the high school since it's been refurbished, it is right in line with what you've been talking about. I thank them number one for allowing us to use their facility. Number two, it will give a good opportunity for people to see what's going on there. I appreciate it.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: There was a board meeting. I was out of town so I have not gotten up to speed on it yet, but I will be able to give a full report at our next council meeting.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Southworth. I have nothing for that committee tonight. I'm going to roll right into Communications and Technology. For that committee we have Ordinance No. 2016-082. This is through Verizon Wireless for cell services here in the city for our safety forces and some of the foremen in our service department and so on; not to exceed \$125,000.00 for the year. We're going to suspend and adopt that. That's all I have for both committees, but I'll happily take questions for either.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:

* See Building and Utilities above *

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Schonhut. Are any other questions for Mr. Schonhut?

(None)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, Economic Development has no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I'm going to give a report on our meeting of Monday, March 28th. We did discuss and we have had our next network business breakfast meeting. I'd like to thank again Key Bank for sponsoring that particular event; and also Bruce McCain, he was Chief Strategist for Key Bank and our keynote speaker. He gave us a lot of good information. The breakfast, I think, probably the best I've seen. He just gave us a good overview...and most importantly, he is a resident of Strongsville. Again, thank you to Key Bank. We received a tech committee report from Ed Oliveros. I'd like to also announce that our business retention and expansion survey for 2016 has now gone out. We encourage all our business partners who have received that to fill that out either by paper or they can email it in to Brent Painter. If you have any questions you can get in touch with him. We discussed Ordinance No. 2016-056 which was the proposed car wash on Pearl Road and Whitney Road. We are in the process of setting the date for the Business Expo. It will be sometime after the election in November. We also went over the Polaris Career Fair. Quite a few of our companies were in attendance for that. I did attend it. It was a great event that Polaris puts on. I'm glad to see so many of our Strongsville Business partners participate in that. We are also in the process of touring some of our local business partners here as a committee. I'll let everybody know when that's going to be scheduled. Just going to some of our people that have been here for quite a while; especially we have businesses that have been here for twenty-five, thirty, forty years. We like to go and find out what they are doing. A lot of innovation has happened there and I think that it will help us better understand their needs. Cuyahoga Community College has reached out to us for a tour of their advanced manufacturing. That will be scheduled sometime about the third week of April.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut (cont'd): We had a business update and our next meeting will be Monday, April 25th at 7:00pm at the senior center. That's all I have this evening, thank you.

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

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Dooner: Thank you Mr. Southworth. There are no ordinances or resolutions before council this evening from the Finance Committee. The Mayor would like me to tell everyone that we are having a finance meeting on Wednesday at 5:00pm in the Mayor's Conference Room, thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Southworth – Are there any questions for Mr. Dooner tonight?

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Southworth. Planning, Zoning and Engineering met this evening. On our agenda was Ordinance No. 2016-056. That will be placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on Monday, May 16th. This is a zoning change for a car wash at 9200 Pearl Road. Ordinance No. 2016-072 will be placed on first reading. This changes the zoning on Temple Drive from public facilities to office building and will be referred over to the Planning Commission. Ordinance No. 2016-073 received a favorable recommendation. This is to approve a contract with Ronyak Paving for the Pearl Road resurfacing, to the tune of \$1,866,283.50. We also gave favorable recommendation to Ordinance No. 2016-074. That's an agreement for professional construction services for that particular project-Greeman-Pedersen for \$179,917.00. We gave favorable recommendation to Resolution No. 2016-075. That's confirming the Planning Commission approval for a site plan for a special care unit at Pearl Road and Drake Road. We also had Resolution No. 2016-083. This is to advertise for professional engineering and consulting services for the I-71/SR 82 Interchange Improvements. That will be placed on first reading. That's all I have this evening Mr. Southworth, thank you very much.

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

(None)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Very briefly, because I'm sure the people based on who signed in for the slip ramp will come to the podium today. I'm just trying to save time. All ordinances for Public Safety are suspension and adoption. I do want to key on one which is Ordinance No. 2016-079, the EMS billing. Roughly, that generates in a conservative number \$900,000.00. Mayor, with your approval, if you would allow your chief to do small highlights of this ordinance and share with the community what it has done and what it has saved our taxpayers.

Mr. Draves – Sure, thank you, Mr. DeMio and Mayor, we are going to re-enter into another agreement with our current billing company, EMS Management Consultants out of North Carolina. All the revenues generated from the EMS billing go directly into an emergency vehicle fund and it goes to vehicles and equipment for public safety.

Mr. DeMio – I just want to share, if I can, that billing comes off the insurance, so the out-of-pocket expense is often time, if not all times, nil to the patient.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

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

Mayor Perciak – If you are a resident of Strongsville or you work in Strongsville.

Mr. DeMio – Almost everyone. I just want to share that with you. It has been a great, great asset to all of us-to have those dollars there. That was done almost twelve/thirteen years back. I'd like to close the committee because I know these folks want to be heard who have come up.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. DeMio, are there any questions for Mr. DeMio?

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: Yes, I have two resolutions this evening. Resolution No. 2016-080, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids to purchase some pavement services for this year, 2016, with the recommendation to suspend and adopt. Lastly, Resolution No. 2016-081, this is an advertisement request for qualifications and proposals for supplies of gasoline and diesel fuel for the city's service department. The recommendation here also is to suspend and adopt.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Carbone, are there any questions for Mr. Carbone?

(None)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Southworth, we have no ordinances or resolutions tonight before council. A couple of quick announcements for the recreation and community services center though. The baseball draft is happening this week so for parents who are concerned that your child has not received a call yet or on a team, they will be drafted and placed probably no later than next week. On April 24th, which is a couple Sundays from now, is the senior prom at the recreation center. Tickets are available for those interested in attending the senior prom. Finally, on May 13th is the mother/son day at the recreation center; so that should be a good event. We always have father/daughter dances and now this is for the mothers and their sons. Information can be found at the website or at the recreation center. That concludes my report Mr. Southworth.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Short, are there any questions for Mr. Short?

(None)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Southworth: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda, but if there are any questions I'd be more than happy to answer them.

(None)

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

Mayor Perciak: Thank you Mr. President just quickly to reiterate Chairman Dooner's comments that we are going to have a Finance meeting on Wednesday, at 5:00pm in my conference room over on Foltz. The purpose of that is to review the budget through the first quarter of 2016 and to further review some of the issues we have regarding water; specifically, in Wards 2, 3 and 4, and the methodology for funding those water issues. That is primarily what we are going to do at that meeting. Again, it will be a quick update as to where we are at; then we'll also revolve around especially the Lyons Lane area, the Admiralty area, Cherry Stone area, the area in Waterford and lastly Cortland. As you can see, we have our plate full with some of these issues that we need to address quite quickly. Our city engineers have gone ahead over the years and have authorized studies for us so that we could at least move in the right direction here. When we're talking about water, just like we talked about this weekend, no one expected snow on home opener for The Tribe, but that's the same thing with water. We just can't ever figure out which way it's inevitably going to wind up. We obtain studies, but at the end of the day, so everyone understands completely, we never ever can one hundred percent control water. We will do our best. This is what Wednesday is about and any other business that may come up. That ends my report.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Mayor, are there any questions for the Mayor?

(None)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:

Mr. Jamison – Thank you Mr. Chairman, Mr. Dubovec is not here tonight. I will just read his certification: "Based upon careful review of the proposed April 4, 2016 council meeting agenda, I hereby certify that Funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on such agenda requiring certification of funding." I will turn that into the clerk.

A copy of this memo is attached to the back of these minutes

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison:

Mr. Jamison – I will certify that all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Southworth – We are now to the part of audience participation. Comments by audience members are limited to five minutes. We do have a sign-in sheet. The first person is, and forgive me if I mispronounce anything here, John Hasko, if you could please state your name and address for the record.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Hasko, 14515 Drake Road, Strongsville, OH: John Hasko, 14515 Drake Road. I wanted to talk about the recreation center equipment. If we increase the cost per person and families a little bit and run that for five years, that will help recoup a lot of the money, if not all of it. The other thing is on the slip ramp. I'd like to know from the Mayor how much you tried to do in order to achieve something more than just that slip ramp at Shurmer? Did you try and get an interchange? Did you try and get another slip ramp so there would be two of them? Because if you have ever gone down Carpenter Road, between Boston Road and Grafton Road, there are three sections, huge, empty land/farmland, where a slip ramp could be put in right now. Now, I know Strongsville is in District 1, or one district for ODOT, and Brunswick is in the other one; but can't our cities work together and push for this?

Mayor Perciak – We do work with them; we do our very best, but at the end of the day we don't call the shots on this, this is...

Mr. Hasko – I realize that.

Mayor Perciak - ...ODOT money and they pretty much advise us as to what is far more workable than what we want.

Mr. Hasko – But can't we get together?

Mayor Perciak – Now, let's go back, and I'm going to be brief. Let's go back to the days of my predecessor. He tried tirelessly to get a Boston Road interchange. It was denied. It was denied for a lot of reasons. Today, if we would try to do that, our best estimates are \$25 million. That may even be too little. At that point, we have to work with Brunswick, Medina County, Strongsville and Cuyahoga County. I can't speak for another county, I can't speak for another municipality. We tried to widen Boston Road from Pearl Road to W. 130th Street. The cost was \$18 million. The engineering was done. When it was all said and done, Brunswick said to us, "We're sorry Strongsville, we just don't have the money and we can't meet our fair share." The deal died. This is what would happen for any type of interchange; however, there is no more free lunch. In order to get any type of money from ODOT or any of these agencies, we are expected to come up with our fair share and they determine what that fair share is. It could be anywhere from ten percent to fifty percent. Let's say the project is \$25 million...let's just go an easier number, \$30 million; and they say to us, "Well, we'll build this project for you, but we'll give you \$15 million." Where are we going to get the money from? So we always have to look as to what our contribution would be. It's not a matter of not wanting to work with them, but we have to first figure out what we can afford and that's what we've been doing here. As soon as I get more information I'll let you know, but until I do, I mean this is just, just the beginning, just step one. This is a three to four year process at best.

Mr. Hasko – But the other thing I was going to ask is can you put in the newspaper the names and addresses of every person that the city, the people, can write letters to, call up or complain to about getting something additionally done? If it's not just that what you can do is all you can do, but maybe all of us can get down the throats of those holding all of this back. Can you post these things in the paper for us or give us something here we can pick up?

Mayor Perciak – You see sir, it's not that simple and I have to end this conversation. I will talk to you happily if you want to call me or come in and see me, but it doesn't work...there's transportation budgets and everything else that happened. It's just...we could be talking for an hour and still not get any resolution to your answer.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Hasko – Okay, real quick, are semis going to be able to make a right hand turn from the ramp onto Howe Road?

Mayor Perciak – To the best of our knowledge, no.

Mr. Hasko – Okay.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you, is there a Michael Baker? Could you please state your name and address for the record.

Michael Baker, 16716 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Hi, I'm Michael Baker and I live on Howe Road at 16716. I do want to talk about the same issues as...

Mayor Perciak – Could you give me your address again, so I can write it down?

Mr. Baker – 16716 Howe Road.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you.

Mr. Baker – If you have ever driven on Howe Road, you know you can't get out of your driveway on that road.

Mayor Perciak – You're right.

Mr. Baker – If you didn't have a turnaround on your drive, you are not getting out safely. It's been like that for years. I feel that this slip ramp that you have proposed here only benefits the mall and the developments that you made north of Shurmer Road. This assisted living that is now being built, the daycare, The Biergarten, all that development you putting up there...

Mayor Perciak – Mr. Baker, please, about the development, about the assisted living- the senior living, that was a ballot issue and the people voted for that, not us. For the record, we here did not want that. It became a ballot issue and what was the terminology? I need the lawyers to help me up here. What did they do...by initiative petition.

Mr. Baker – It doesn't matter who is to blame for the development...

Mayor Perciak – I'm just saying we didn't do it.

Mr. Baker – All I know is it increases the amount of traffic that is going to get off of there. If you develop a slip ramp, that traffic that would normally get off at SR 82 will now want to skip the mall because of the traffic; so they will come to Shurmer. Now you have extra traffic coming either onto Shurmer or onto Howe Road. We can't get out now. You put something like that there it's just going to cause a major problem.

Mayor Perciak – Where are you at on Howe Road?

Mr. Baker – Between Cypress and Lanier.

Mayor Perciak – Okay, so you are south of Shurmer?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Baker – Most of your residents are south. Most of the traffic is not Strongsville traffic, it is Brunswick, Hinckley and Medina. It's not our traffic. So, by saying that both communities...

Mayor Perciak – Mr. Baker, we can't tell them not to use a public road.

Mr. Baker – Oh I agree, well then put up ten stop signs on that and then you'll see who complains. You took the one out at Lanier. Now they go from Shurmer all the way to Drake; it's like a drag strip. I guarantee you they do 55 mph going down that road. Of course, we've asked the police to go there, and they'll put up a sign that shows your speed or whatever. They don't even want to stop anybody on that street because you'd cause a traffic jam if you stop somebody there.

Mayor Perciak – Jimmy, is that true?

Mr. Baker – C'mon, tell me you would love to stop people on Howe Road.

Mr. Kobak – No, we do make plenty of traffic stops on that street.

Mr. Baker – And what happens? Traffic backs up either way, along with the mailman, along with FedEx, school busses, etc. Anybody that stops on that road causes a traffic jam. All I'm saying is that slip is just going to increase our problem. It helps the mall and those businesses north of Shurmer, but it creates hell for anybody below that. We've sat on this and listened to you people and ODOT and whoever is involved in there because I realize that ODOT has a committee that votes on what infrastructures they build outside. But, I noticed in Avon that they got their exit over there.

Mayor Perciak – But do you know why?

Mr. Baker – Probably because they gave up some their income tax.

Mayor Perciak – No, because it was a public/private partnership with Cleveland Clinic and the Clinic footed the...

Mr. Baker – We've got a Clinic right over here.

Mayor Perciak – But here they didn't pay for anything. Over there, they helped pay for that interchange sir.

Mr. Baker – Well what about our mall that's sitting there that you just gave an abatement to?

Mayor Perciak – We didn't give any abatement.

Mr. Baker – Who extended their abatement?

Mayor Perciak – Not us.

Mr. Baker – Somebody gave them \$3 million I heard.

Mayor Perciak – No

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Baker – Well then maybe you need to tax some of these retail businesses that are north of- that are causing this issue. I mean, we're residents that have been living, living with this problem for years now, with no satisfaction from you people or any help. As long as it's quiet, nothing is said, but it's hell for us, it's hell for us over there. We need help and that's what we're hoping for here. And you, not you, but you come up with a proposal that you think is going to help, but it doesn't help us. It doesn't help people below Shurmer. Those people on Shurmer are really going to get it because they're going to want to now get over to Pearl Road. They're going to travel right over there, go right down Shurmer and try to get over to Pearl Road because it would be easier than going in front of the mall. This doesn't help us and we're pleading for help here. That's what I have to say.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you, is there an Ann Roff in the audience? Could you please state your name and address for the record.

Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Ann Roff. I'm at 16764 Howe Road.

Mayor Perciak – 167 what?

Ms. Roff – 64 Howe Road. Of course I have the same complaint. I wouldn't mind having your sign though, Mr. Mayor, by your house for 20 mph. I wouldn't mind that sign. If we could get that over on Howe Road that would be great.

Mayor Perciak – You know what though? I got a complaint too because I complained to our Chief that it's like a dragstrip over there. When my little grandchildren are over I have to sit out there and watch them too because I can't control the traffic there. And yet, but let me tell you, they even blow their horn and wave to me, so go ahead.

Ms. Roff – It's going to get worse there though too. I have grandchildren too and we've had more than one animal killed on Howe Road. I've paid quite a few vet bills just too even have animals put back together on Howe Road. Every morning at 6:00am when I leave for work, no matter how far the car is up the street and I back out of my driveway and start to go, I get...all the neighbors are up when I get up because the horns blow. Horns blowing, people screaming, getting flipped off-every day I get a high sign ever day pulling out of my driveway. But just some of the questions that I have is that property that you're looking at to put the slip ramp in, what is that zoned at right now?

Mayor Perciak – Right now it's all residential or that's my assumption.

Ms. Roff – So that has not been passed?

Mayor Perciak – Nothing has been passed.

Ms. Roff – What are we to do to get a community meeting for this?

Mayor Perciak – What will happen eventually as soon as the council authorizes, or if the councilmen want to, but as soon as we get some definitive plans as to what it would look like, how it would work, there's automatically meetings that we will hold for you so you can see exactly how it will work and not work. And pretty much where you're at, and again, you're south, almost where?

Ms. Roff – I'm between Cypress and Lanier also.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – I don't see them taking any of your property at all.

Ms. Roff – I'm not worried. Unlike a lot of people in Strongsville, I'm worried about everybody in Strongsville, but that's just myself.

Mayor Perciak – But you'd be welcome to come.

Ms. Roff – I'm worried about the traffic, I'm not worried about what's being taken from just me personally.

Mr. Schonhut – Within the next couple of weeks I and I believe at least the majority of my colleagues on council up here will be having a meeting and we'll get you something out in the mail and make sure you're invited to that.

Ms. Roff – And will they actually mail all those residents in that area with just a guideline?

Mr. Schonhut – We haven't...we just discussed this tonight in the back room, so we don't have a date yet. Hopefully, sometime mid next week...

Ms. Roff – Do you live on Lanier?

Mr. Schonhut – You mean me.

Ms. Roff – You're about to get hit more too.

Mr. Schonhut – Yes.

Ms. Roff – This is going to kill you too. You're going to get a lot of that traffic too. If we could get a community meeting together because a lot of people don't have internet where this went out on. I know a lot of people are, "Hoorah, Hoorah", but they don't live there. They don't have to deal with it every day. If I'm not mistaken, two of you go back, and some of the history of Strongsville, the reason actually Shurmer used to be a 35 mph road also without any of those stop signs and a small child was killed there. You're looking at the safety of a lot of families there too. I have grandchildren too that I try to walk down the street with and my granddaughter walks like this. I hold her ears and we have to get over into the neighborhood and get into a development. Before we dump more money into your project though by having that something already there for your 2016-083, if we start looking at stuff there and we're time and money into that-I don't want to put more money into something that really shouldn't happen without the public having some opinion first. I mean, why dump more money into something we don't know what is going to happen? Traffic studies...?

Mayor Perciak – We have them.

Ms. Roff – Okay

Mayor Perciak – When is the recent one Ken?

Mr. Mikula – 2015

Ms. Roff – Do we have access to those, the public does?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Roff (cont'd) – Other alternatives of course, if you look on your blog or the Facebook thing, more than one person has mentioned maybe the possibility of a marginal in keeping that traffic off of residential streets, go behind those houses.

Mayor Perciak – I'm not an engineer, I can't answer that.

Ms. Roff – Yes, but it's a possibility to look at, and a lot safer of a possibility than throwing it in somebody's front yard. Who owns that property that you are talking about?

Mayor Perciak – Well, there are several owners. There's not just one there, there's at least a dozen or more.

Ms. Roff – Have they been offered something?

Mayor Perciak – No.

Ms. Roff – Okay, and who maintains the new slip ramp that comes in?

Mayor Perciak – That hasn't been determined.

Ms. Roff – Okay, and we're looking to match this \$3.4 million from ODOT...

Mayor Perciak – No we're not. What we're doing is we're working with ODOT. Again, what we will do is we will apply to other agencies to come up with as much money as we can garner from them. What we are objective is to put a minimal contribution in there. What's going to happen, whether this goes or doesn't go, there's going to be something that ODOT is going to have to do with the I71/SR82 interchange at Howe Road. There's going to be something done, I can't tell you what they are going to recommend...

Ms. Roff – Well, somebody is going to lose their life there...

Mayor Perciak - ...but I don't know. You said it best, and that's what this is all about...safety.

Ms. Roff – My safety too.

Mayor Perciak – But it's not trying to harass anybody or any of these other things, it's a safety issue and it is a big issue. As soon as...

Ms. Roff – But for the safety of the residents here too.

Mayor Perciak – We're worried about the safety of people, not only our people, but for all the people because when they are in our city they are in our city.

Ms. Roff – Absolutely, I say it every year.

Mayor Perciak – This is our town.

Ms. Roff – Probably the thing to do instead of throwing Costco in would have been to put a slip ramp there going right over to the mall, but that's...

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – I don't disagree with you, but years ago you know what happened there ma'am? There's was a big lawsuit by that owner against the city. We lost in the Appellate Courts and that's how that happened. Just remember that.

Ms. Roff – Okay, I mean this is good information.

Mayor Perciak – We tried...

Ms. Roff – I'm not political...

Mayor Perciak – We tried, Joey was here and Mike was here at that time, they were the only two. We did try and that that was "BT" (Before Tom). They did their very best, but at the end of the day, I think you won in the Common Pleas Court and lost in the Appellate Court, so there's your answer.

Mr. Southworth – Ma'am, thirty seconds.

Ms. Roff – All right, and then I guess actually it was right off of a news article with your name underneath it. It said that, "This will benefit the people going to the mall, the people living south of Shurmer and Brunswick residents."

Mayor Perciak – I didn't write that, just so you know.

Ms. Roff – I'm hoping that we get more discussion here. I don't want this to be a done deal. If it's going to be a done deal I want you guys all to come over to my house every night for dinner and get out of my driveway, thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you, is there a Roberta Dickinson present? Please state your name and address please.

Roberta Dickinson, 16141 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Roberta Dickinson, here on behalf of my parents Donald and Donna Dickinson, they couldn't be here tonight because of health issues. Their address is 16141 Howe Road. Just two houses south of Mrs. Ehrnfelt, on the same side.

Mayor Perciak – 164 what again?

Ms. Dickinson – 16141 Howe Road. Same thing that everybody said, but one thing I would like to ask, obviously I won't say all that again, but one thing I would like to ask, you mentioned other possibilities that have been looked at, that have been costed out, you had said that some of those things or at least the traffic studies are available for the public to see. What about all of the other things that have been looked at and have been researched as far as cost? Are those also available for us to see?

Mayor Perciak – I don't have any of the slip ramp stuff because that was before my time, so that would be...

Ms. Dickinson – Well I'm talking about also exits...

Mayor Perciak – I'm sorry, the Boston Road exit, I don't have any of that. It's somewhere in our archives, but I'm not privy to it.

Ms. Dickinson – And was that just a southbound exit ramp and a northbound entrance on the Strongsville side or was that all four?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – Again, I don't know.

Ms. Dickinson – Do you know?

Mr. Daymut – It was all four.

Ms. Dickinson – It was all four, because all four really isn't necessary. All you really need is a southbound exit.

Mayor Perciak – Ma'am, Roberta, we don't make those determinations.

Ms. Dickinson – Well, I mean, whoever does...

Mayor Perciak – ODOT does, we do not.

Ms. Dickinson – Right, but whoever does, has anybody brought that up to them and said let's not worry about all of the four ramps?

Mayor Perciak – Ma'am we've had hearings with them for years, back and forth, back and forth, back and forth. There has been I don't know how many plans...

Ms. Dickinson – I know it has been going on for years because my family has lived in Strongsville since the early 1900s. We know it's been going on for many years.

Mayor Perciak – I mean we're not trying to avoid any questions here. To get down into specific details there's been so many...I mean, I've been down to Columbus so many times on this and we've had so many meetings with these people and we keep trying to work with them to alleviate the issues.

Ms. Dickinson – I understand. We would like to be able to see though all of the things that have been proposed and what the costs are as well as the traffic studies, and where would we find the traffic studies? You said those are available right now.

Mayor Perciak – Well, we have them at the city. You could make a public request through the legal department or through the council clerk and then we'll get it to you through our engineering department.

Ms. Dickinson – Okay, thank you.

Mayor Perciak – Sure.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you, is there a Tony Vacanti? Could you please state your name and address?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Tony Vacanti, 1375 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH: Absolutely, Tony Vacanti, 1375 East 9th Street, Cleveland. I'm also a resident of Strongsville at 16953 Woodshire Drive. Mr. President, members of council, and Mr. Mayor, I'm here on behalf of my client, S & J Building Inc., who owns property on Pearl Road in the vicinity of the car wash rezoning, which is Ordinance No. 2016-056. I just wanted to note our initial objection to the proposed rezoning. It's our understanding that we are going to have an opportunity in May at a public hearing to outline our concerns in greater detail than this evening. I did circulate a letter to members of council identifying some of those initial objections, but I just wanted to indicate that we take this very seriously and we ask that all of you take a very close look at this proposed rezoning and its impact on the immediate vicinity in Pearl Road. I also want to thank the law department. I did issue a public records request. The response was very timely and I work with a lot of cities and that's not always the case. I know it's a thankless job so I do want to give a little kudos to our law department. Thank you for your attention.

Mr. Southworth – That public hearing is set for May 16th.

Mr. Vacanti – Yes, thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Judy Vanderwyst.

Judy Vanderwyst, 17404 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: Hi, my address is 17404 Shurmer Road and I'm here with my father who lives at 15651 Howe Road. We just wanted to say how dangerous it is right now to get out of his drive on Howe Road. Literally, I don't know how many times we've almost gotten hit. People will not give you a break to get out. I live close to my dad so me and my kids and my dog in the summer like to walk over there. Crossing from Shurmer to Howe, again, cars don't stop. We have the green light to go, they don't pay attention. I mean it's really scary where we don't do that much anymore because there have been several times where I wasn't with them and my kids are a little bit older now that I would be afraid of what would happen. I'm also a school bus driver and I do go down Howe and my stop is between Howe and Pomeroy. There's several kids that live on Howe at that stretch. I mean this is their homes, this is their front yard; they do have dogs. If we add a five lane highway it's devastating to know what could happen. This is their homes, their front yards; they want to play ball. And to live on a major road like that, I just don't see anything good happening from that so we're hoping that maybe something else could be done versus picking up that part of that ramp.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you. That is the end of the sign-in sheet. If there are any other residents that would wish to approach the podium, please come on up and state your name and address and you have five minutes.

David Zarko, 19200 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: I unfortunately missed the sign-in sheet. My name is David Zarko. I'm at 19200 Howe Road. I am on the south end of Howe Road, almost to Boston. I'm just going to repeat a lot of what you've already heard about the safety aspect of what is the situation on Howe Road currently. No one drives the speed limit. I guarantee no one is doing 35 mph, 45 mph maybe 50 mph most of the time. I'm close to Boston Road and I watched the traffic that goes south on Howe Road right now. The majority of the people that are traveling on Howe Road, they're not peeling off till they get to Boston Road. They live in Brunswick, they live in Medina. If we put the slip ramp in, it's going to create a situation, I feel, where we are going to have people that are now going to avoid SR 82 because they can now use the slip ramp going to Shurmer, make the left onto Howe Road and continue down to Boston and make it home. Nothing is going to change; they're still using Howe Road right now to make it to Boston Road. They're just going to use the slip ramp now to do the same thing. It's not going to decrease traffic on Howe Road. If anything, it might pick up traffic on Howe Road. It's going to make it worse.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Zarko (cont'd) – Howe Road is a two lane residential street right now, on my section at least, and I would like to see it stay that way. I would also like to see some way to slow traffic down. Just before you get to my house heading south there's a hill that the speed changes.

Mayor Perciak – I live right there.

Mr. Zarko – I know you do. The speed changes from 35 mph to 20 mph. No one slows down except for me for when they are going over that hump. I can travel down Howe Road going either way at any time of the day doing the speed limit and I guarantee I'll have somebody five feet behind me dying to push me along because they want to go 40 mph or 45 mph. No one does the speed limit, it's very dangerous. I've lived there on Howe Road since 1970. I've watched Howe Road get worse and worse and worse and I'm afraid the slip ramp idea is just going to make it that much more congested and that much more unsafe for the people that live on Howe Road, including the people that live off of Howe Road and Shurmer because I think we're also looking at a situation now where people are going to use the slip ramp as a shortcut, if you will, to get to Pearl Road by going down Shurmer which is now going to create more traffic and more dangerous situations for people on Shurmer Road because of the additional traffic that's going to be driving down Shurmer. I don't know that this slip ramp is creating a better living experience for the people in our part of Strongsville. It may be making it worse.

Mayor Perciak – Well, what we need to do sir, I've been listening to everybody here this evening, and the chief is listening here and he's listening very carefully, we are going to-effective as quickly as he can, really start some enforcement on Howe Road and keep it there. And yes, it will probably make the traffic a little worse at the beginning but it will slow it down.

Mr. Zarko – It will slow it down as long as people are aware there is a police officer around.

Mr. Kobak – Yes, I'll take a look at our current traffic enforcement there and if we have to step it up we will.

Mayor Perciak – Chief, I'm directing you to step it up.

Mr. Kobak – Okay Mayor, we will do it.

Mr. Zarko – If you need a place to park...

(Laughter)

Mr. Zarko – Just throwing this out, if you need a place to park a radar vehicle-the house just south of me has been empty for three years. Park in their driveway.

Mr. Kobak – We do get several offers and we will take you up on that.

Mr. Zarko – I'd give you mine but it's stone and I don't want you to tear up my stone.

Mayor Perciak – David, at the of the day, whether this comes to fruition or not, listening to what everybody has to say here including the bus driver, Judy-is that your name, we do need to step up enforcement there and we will and we should because I know from living over there, and I drive Howe Road every single solitary day...

Mr. Zarko – I'm going to ask you, which way do you go to work? Do you take Howe Road or do you cut west to Pearl Road?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – No, I go down Admiralty to Pearl Road, but every time I'm going downtown or going somewhere else I'm on Howe Road.

Mr. Zarko – So you know the traffic.

Mayor Perciak – And I sit there.

Mr. Zarko – Anybody that goes down Howe Road at all knows that it is a very busy street. It wasn't like that forty years ago.

Mayor Perciak – And I've been living on that side of town since 1984 so trust me, I know exactly what goes on.

Mr. Zarko – It's just getting worse and a lot of the traffic isn't Strongsville traffic. I know we can't tell people not to drive down Howe Road, but they don't care about our laws.

Mayor Perciak – I will tell you, if we do have these issues, we are going to have to really start some strict enforcement there, whether it happens or not. I will tell you what happened in my neighborhood when we started the strict enforcement, that everybody said it was the Brunswick people, and we have actual documentation it was the people in our own subdivision.

Mr. Zarko – I'm not saying that people in Strongsville are innocent.

Mayor Perciak – Then my neighbors were calling me because someone said, "Well, there's a 20 mph sign put on place on Saratoga", and that's true, but once our police officers-and they were ticketing them on Saturday mornings too, not a work day, but it was the people in our own subdivisions. It was our own Strongsville residents...

Mr. Zarko – I'm not surprised.

Mayor Perciak - ...that we're condemning people...

Mr. Zarko – Everybody is in a hurry.

Mayor Perciak – Yes.

Mr. Zarko – But that's why we have speed limits and it's a safety issue for the residents on Howe Road. If we put the slip ramp in, my concern is that it is just going to get worse. It's going to create more traffic on Howe Road and Shurmer.

Mayor Perciak – But in the meantime, we still have to do something about what's going on there.

Mr. Zarko – Well, somebody brought up the idea of a marginal. I thought about the marginal, actually looked at the map on Google. I was looking at it from the air...

Mayor Perciak – David, I'm not an engineer and neither are you.

Mr. Zarko – I'm not either but a marginal looks like an idea that should be looked at.

Mayor Perciak – So we have to let the professionals see what works.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Zarko – The slip ramp just...directing people onto Howe Road to a lot of people here today seems like not the solution. If you look at your Facebook page, the announcement about the slip ramp probably generated more awareness of any of your other posts that you've ever put on your Facebook page. This is a hot topic for people in that area.

Mayor Perciak – Well, that's good, and we invite the input.

Mr. Zarko – The reason it is a hot topic is because we don't think it's a safe idea. It may alleviate some of the congestion at SR 82, but it's redirecting it onto a residential street that we don't want to see get busier. We'd like to see the traffic, in anything, slow down and reduce, not get worse.

Mayor Perciak – Chief.

Mr. Kobak – I'll handle it.

Mr. Zarko – Like I said, someone mentioned a marginal. This is probably not the right people to look at that possibility but there's maybe another option out there. The slip ramp might not be it.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you David.

Mr. Zarko – You're welcome.

Mr. Southworth – Are there any other comments from the audience?

Robert Dixon, 18931 Westfield Lane, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, my name is Robert Dixon. I live at 18931 Westfield Lane here in Strongsville. I am off of Howe Road. I drive it every day as well. I guess my question is what was the slip ramp, the whole idea of it? Was it designed to alleviate the problem on SR 82? Is that the entire impetus for this?

Mayor Perciak – It's many...it's just not the SR 82 issue, it's just not the Howe Road issue, it's just not the I-71 issue. It's a safety issue and that's what was the final analysis as to why they want to do it that way.

Mr. Dixon – Who made that analysis I guess?

Mayor Perciak – ODOT and all the studies that were presented to them and the studies that were done.

Mr. Dixon – Those are the studies that we'll be able to access correct?

Mayor Perciak – Well, we can give you ours. ODOT's, I can't speak for ODOT.

Mr. Dixon – So we've got to make a request to both (unintelligible)

Mayor Perciak – Yes, but I cannot tell you what ODOT will give you and not, that's not fair.

Mr. Dixon – As a resident that drives that all the time...

Mayor Perciak – You live around the corner from me.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Dixon – I do. You don't have kind feelings for my dog probably, but I drive that all the time. I've seen the city develop a lot.

Mayor Perciak – Because Mikey next door takes care of your dog.

Mr. Dixon – You could predict this problem coming when the Costco development went in there at SR 82. You could see that something was going to have to give. Unfortunately though, I think if this goes through, you're just making the poor residents pay the price of what was a very bad, bad decision back then to put that development and the entrance to it right there.

Mayor Perciak – But sir, please...

Mr. Dixon – I understand it wasn't the city.

Mayor Perciak – I don't know if you are a lawyer, but at the end of the day...

Mr. DeMio – He's very good.

Mayor Perciak - ...this group tried. We were overruled in the Common Pleas and...it's there.

Mr. Dixon – I'm not...it's there, I agree. I'm not casting fault on anyone. I'm saying you could predict this problem coming and the poor residents shouldn't have to pay the price for it. That's all I'm saying. They really have to be considered and I'd like to know are there going to be public hearings so the residents can be heard on this issue?

Mr. Schonhut – Again, I guess we are going to get something going here. Hopefully, to have it mid next week. As far as council taking information from the residents, I'm not going to speak for the administration whatever information they may gather for this, but at least for myself as a councilman and I think at least the majority of everybody up here is onboard with that, that we'll definitely have some meetings for you in the very, very near future here to get everybody together and...

Mr. Dixon – Because I heard about traffic studies with the Giant Eagle project, those never happened. We were told we're going to be having access to those; they never came out any time before the project was already a done deal. I just hope the residents will really have a real opportunity to weigh in on this this time.

Mr. Jamison – If I could just add, part of this process, and our engineer explained this in our caucus meeting before the regular meeting tonight, is that this is just the beginning. This ordinance that was on the agenda tonight, that's not about spending money, that's just about us getting qualifications from engineering firms; select potentially an engineering firm to start the plans and design. The meetings will start once we get those plans. That's when your input is part of that process. Yes, you will have the ability to go there and either enlighten or verbally express your opinion, good or bad, about how you feel about this going forward. At that point, that's part of the whole analysis done by the engineer, ODOT and our engineering department to look to what's best for this project. This is not a done deal as the Mayor has said tonight. This is the start of it. This is start of the process to evaluate how we can address it. There will be meetings, I know council wants to do a preliminary meeting to basically give you an outline, but in fairness to them, there's only so much information they can give you at this time because there are no plans, there are no designs, there's no idea specifically what's going to happen. That's going to happen as the engineers go through this and the residents will be involved in that process. As the Mayor related, this is going to be a four to six year process in terms of this actually being built.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Jamison (cont'd) - This is the initial phase, and the important thing here is that ODOT is finally willing to work with us to at least start this process and go through it. So that's really where we're at. We're at the beginning of the long journey.

Mayor Perciak – Sir, in all fairness to everybody in this room, just like those of you who are objecting to this tonight, for every one of you that are objecting to it, there are eight to ten who are for it.

(Multiple conversation from the audience)

Mayor Perciak – Wait, wait until you get to these meetings, you're going to see. All these people that live in High Point and on your street and in Deerfield Woods, it's a different tune from them.

Mr. Dixon – I haven't met anyone around me that feels that way, but quite honestly Mayor, with all due respect, absolutely not.

Mayor Perciak – Then you go to the homeowner's association meetings; that's the first thing they talk about.

Mr. Dixon – I go to the meetings, I was at the last one. No one mentioned a word about this topic. Mr. Southworth was there, and I believe Mr. Schonhut may have been at that one. We never heard a word, this was never discussed there Mayor. I went to that meeting.

Mayor Perciak – Okay.

Mr. Dixon – I'm sorry, thank you. I hope that the solution that is proposed for this perceived problem, the solution is not worse than the problem itself, but I fear that it is going to be, thank you.

Mr. Hasko – John Hasko again. Mayor, who did you say I have to see about getting the results of the traffic study?

Mayor Perciak – See the council clerk and do a public records request.

Mr. Hasko – Aimee?

Mayor Perciak – Yes.

Mr. Hasko – Do I see her after the meeting?

Mayor Perciak – Tomorrow is fine, anytime you want.

Mr. Hasko – And the people in those subdivisions and all those modern places up there off of Howe Road and off of Drake and off of those other streets up there, there's not going to be any change in the traffic getting to those places going down Howe Road because you're going to be taking the same people you got going in now plus even maybe more Brunswick people; we'll see. Can you commit to a traffic study of all the streets around there after that's put in?

Mayor Perciak – No

Mr. Hasko – Why not?

Mayor Perciak - Money

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Southworth – Is there anyone else? If you could just please state your name and address.

Carolyn Blaha, 17229 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: Carolyn Blaha, 17229 Shurmer Road. We moved there in 1964, so obviously we have seen a lot of changes, but we can't justify current planning by the previous poor planning that created this situation. If there can be a carjacking at the Cleveland Clinic at 9:30am we're going to have a lot more crime on my street also and in the surrounding areas, thank you.

Mr. Southworth – You know what, I should not have let him approach the podium for a second time.

Ms. Roff – I have one quick question if that is okay, I didn't use my whole five minutes.

Mr. Southworth – You did, you used more than five minutes.

Mr. DeMio – Let her talk.

Mr. Southworth – What's the quick question?

Ms. Roff - I just wanted to say we all know there is a safety issue. We're not saying that there isn't. We all know something has to be done. When you said the eight people for every one of the ones that aren't here, of course there's a lot of people that aren't here, are you saying that they just want something done? It's not so much that slip ramp in that area, but they want something done; is that what you're saying?

Mayor Perciak – They want traffic to move and they want it to move safely, as does ODOT.

Ms. Roff – So it's not just that right there?

Mayor Perciak – Just so you know, ODOT's whole objective here is safety.

Ms. Roff – Right, and you know we are all for safety too. None of us enjoy getting right off right there either at SR 82. We all understand there is something that has to be done. It's just maybe not thing that is proposed right now.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you very much. That brings us to the end of public participation.

Mr. Schonhut – Quickly before we move on. I do want to have that public meeting with many of you that are here and some of you that are watching. I do realize who is going to be impacted most by this and it's many of you in this room. It's not the eight to ten people in Waterford Crossing that may get to their house two minutes faster. It's your guys' properties and it's the cars that will be driving by your house. As whether or not we have more information for you in maybe mid next week when we have this meeting; nonetheless, I'm not going to speak for everybody, but I want to hear your concerns. I know this is going to change a lot for a lot of you in regards to your properties, not only in the values, but the way you're going to live; so we do want to hear, I want to hear, those concerns sooner rather than later so that we can begin to address those as early on in the process as possible. Again, I'm not going to speak for everyone up here, but I would hope that many of my colleagues feel the same way. Hopefully, we'll have something to many of you in the mail to join at us at a meeting in the very near future, thank you.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2016-056 by Mr. Daymut. 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 9200 PEARL ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM R-RS (RESTAURANT-RECREATIONAL SERVICES) CLASSIFICATION TO MS (MOTORIST SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION (PPN 395-03-006), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 03-07-16. Tabled by Planning Commission 03-10-16. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 03-31-16.*

Placed on second reading and set for a public hearing 05-16-16.

Ordinance No. 2016-072 by Mr. Daymut. 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 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 19132 TEMPLE DRIVE (PPNs 393-19-016 and 393-19-017) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION TO OB (OFFICE BUILDING) CLASSIFICATION.

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

Ordinance No. 2016-073 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PEARL ROAD REPAIR AND RESURFACE PROJECT (CUY-42-01.98) IN 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. 2016-073 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-074 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2016 PEARL ROAD REPAIR AND RESURFACE PROJECT (Cuy.-42-1.98 and PID No. 100240), 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. 2016-074 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2016-075 by Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALZHEIMER SPECIAL CARE CENTER AT PEARL AND DRAKE ROADS, 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. 2016-075 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-076 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW STRYKER POWER PRO COT WITH APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR TRADE-IN OF AN OBSOLETE STRYKER POWER PRO COT, AND TO HAVE THE SALE PRICE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE, 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. 2016-076 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-077 by Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT UTILIZED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND WHICH ARE BEYOND THEIR SERVICE LIFE, OBSOLETE, AND NO LONGER NEEDED NOR SAFE FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2016-077 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-078 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (“DARE”) LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM, 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. 2016-078 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-079 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) BILLING SERVICE AND SYSTEM FOR THE CITY’S DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, 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. 2016-079 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-080 by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GENERAL PAVEMENT SERVICES FOR 2016 FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF 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. 2016-080 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-081 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLIERS OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE CITY’S SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

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. 2016-081 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont’d):

Ordinance No. 2016-082 by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION 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. 2016-082 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-083 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE I-71/SR-82 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CUY.-71-1.70 PID 102238).

Placed on first reading and referred back to the Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Southworth adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

April 18, 2016
Date of Approval

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: April 1, 2016
To: President and Members of Council
From: Joseph K. Dubovec CPA, Director of Finance
CC: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak
Neal M. Jamison, Law Director
Subject: Certification of Funding for April 4, 2016 Council Meeting

Since I will not be present at the April 4, 2016 Council meeting, I have thoroughly reviewed all items currently listed on the April 4th Agenda through Ordinance No. 2016-083, and am confident that all Ordinances and Resolutions scheduled to be on the Agenda have been properly appropriated and are within their legally adopted budgets.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the "Certification of Funding" below be read at the April 4, 2016 Council Meeting in my absence in order to confirm and document the funding in accordance with law.

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING
FOR
APRIL 4, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

Based upon careful review of the proposed April 4, 2016 Council Meeting Agenda, I hereby certify that Funds will be made available for all Ordinances and Resolutions on such Agenda requiring certification of funding.



Joseph K. Dubovec CPA
Director of Finance

Date: April 1, 2016