

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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 18, 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, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, 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, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Service Director Joe Walker, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Council President 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. 2016-072 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. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation. It will be placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on June 6, 2016. 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. This resolution will be placed on second reading this evening. Resolution No. 2016-084 confirms Planning Commission's approval of the final site plan for the addition of three remote radio heads to a telecommunications tower located at 18778 Royalton Road. The recommendation was suspension and adoption for this resolution.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2016-085. This is a resolution accepting the donation of weight equipment for use by the fire department.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-086. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of four trailer mounted leaf vacs for use by the service department. The cost is not to exceed \$134,680. The contract is with Best Equipment Co., Inc. Mr. Schonhut thought we were originally going to purchase five leaf vacs. Mr. Walker stated there was discussion during the budget meeting of purchasing five. It was decided to purchase four and then through state bid come back to council to purchase a thirty yard self-contained vac. Mayor Perciak advised if anyone on council would like to know where the vacor trucks have been in the city he has a map detailing that. Mr. DeMio asked the Mayor if they were looking into purchasing new sewer vacs or if the ones we have are still in good standing. Mayor Perciak stated we currently have two right now and one was reconditioned. Mr. Schonhut asked if there was any word on working with Lake County pertaining to sanitary sewer testing. Mr. Mikula advised no because we haven't determined which area we are going to do next. Mr. Carbone asked if Cuyahoga County offers any services pertaining to the vacs where they would come out and assist. Mayor Perciak advised they do, but we are better off with our own employees doing the work.

Finance Committee:

***Motion by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of April 6, 2016. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

Chairman Dooner advised Resolution No. 2016-087 is to adopt the alternative tax budget information for the City of Strongsville for Fiscal Year 2017. Mr. Dubovec advised this is a preliminary budget for 2017 and something the city needs to do to demonstrate to the County that we do need our tax levies. This resolution will be placed on first reading. Mr. DeMio asked how the budget is going so far. Mayor Perciak advised the city is down approximately \$300,000.00 for the month. Mayor Perciak advised this could be due to various reasons, but May will be a better indicator as to where the budget stands.

Building and Utilities Committee: Chairman Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance Nos. 2016-088, 2016-089, 2016-090 and 2016-091. These ordinances are all to enter into an independent contractor agreement for professional architectural services in connection with the Building Code of the City of Strongsville and the Ohio Building Code. The contracts are with Anthony Bumbalis, Herschman Architects, Inc., John B. Kornick, and Julie Sipka. The cost is not to exceed \$120/hour or 12% of the calculated building permit fee. Mr. Biondillo advised these are now two year contracts as opposed to the standard one year contracts we have done in the past.

Mr. DeMio advised he received a call pertaining to a chicken coop on Boston Road in Ward 2. Mr. Short advised he has also received calls pertaining to one on Prospect Road. He also stated there are issues with the noise of Roosters. Mr. Biondillo advised a resident is able to have them as long as they are housed fifty feet from an adjoining residential property line. Mr. DeMio asked if the yard needs to be fenced in. Mr. Biondillo advised it does not, but they have to be contained. Mr. DeMio asked the Mayor if the codes pertaining to fowl could be looked at and updated. Mayor Perciak advised the Law Director, Mr. Jamison, to look into this. Mr. Biondillo advised the resident on Boston Road has been issued a violation notice pertaining to the construction of a chicken coop and is expected to appear in court this Thursday. The resident has applied for a variance through BZA and this is running concurrently with the court case.

Mr. DeMio also asked about contractors and applications for permits and variances. He stated some contractors do work on the weekends and asked if inspectors go out during that time to do spot checks. Mayor Perciak advised the inspectors do not work on weekends.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised the future tour of Cuyahoga Community College Events Manufacturing has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. He will advise everyone when another date is set. The next committee meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Southworth advised Ordinance No. 2016-092 is to amend Section 296.09 of Chapter 296 of Title Ten of Part Two-Administration Code of the Codified Ordinances concerning the Mayor's Court Magistrate. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this ordinance.

***President Southworth noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose to discuss personnel matters concerning the employment of a public employee and legal matters with the Law Director. It was so moved by Mr. Dooner and seconded by Mr. DeMio to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:45 p.m. Also present from Administration was Mayor Perciak, Neal Jamison, Steve Kilo and James Kobak. The executive session concluded at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened into open session.***

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Southworth called the meeting to order at 8:02 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, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Service Director Joe Walker, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, 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 April 4, 2016 were approved as submitted.

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

(None)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:** Thank you Mr. Southworth, at the last school board meeting the board voted to move forward on the turfing of both the middle school and the high school. We're about \$1.4 million...we're a couple hundred of thousand away so the board agreed to transfer some funds from the \$81 million dollar bond issue. They are expected to repay that back as more funding comes in. Right now, there's about \$200,000.00 out there where people have committed to it, but the contracts haven't been signed yet. I feel in the very near future that deficit will be at a zero and that will be completely funded by really generous people in the community and some of our civic groups. Tom, you have been instrumental also. It's amazing, when you look at other communities trying to do the same effort; and when we went out to fund this in our community, we did this in almost three months. So to where we're at...in the other communities they're just looking to do the high school field; we were looking to do both the middle school and the high school. It's just been absolutely amazing, so we're very proud of that. Also, they approved the contract for \$683,000.00 to abate and demolition of pupil services of Albion Middle School. Then also this Saturday there's going to be the last viewing of all the schools that are going to be torn down. If you want, I'll be at Albion, my old school. I went there 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This is the last opportunity to get into Drake Elementary, last opportunity to get into Albion school and then Center school if you have any interest in viewing those. That ends my report, thank you.

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

(None)

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

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth:** There has not been a board meeting since our last council meeting so I have nothing to report. There will be a board meeting next week. For our first meeting in May I will be able to give a full Southwest report. If there are any questions in the meantime, I'll be more than happy to answer them.

(None)

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you Mr. Southworth. Tonight we just have four ordinances on the agenda, Ordinance Nos. 2016-088, 2016-089, 2016-090 and 2016-091. Those are just entering contracts with various independent contractors to assist our building department. We are going to suspend and adopt all four of those tonight. Communications and Technology I'm going to roll right into. We have nothing on the agenda for that committee tonight. If there are any questions for either committee I will happily take any.

**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'd like to announce that the tour that was scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> for Cuyahoga Community College Advanced Manufacturing has been cancelled due to scheduling conflict. As soon as we are able to resolve that I'll get back to the council on that with a new date. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. at the senior center. That's all I have this evening Mr. Southworth, thank you very much.

Mr. Southworth – Very good Mr. Daymut, are there any questions for Mr. Daymut?

(None)

**FINANCE – Mr. Dooner:** Thank you Mr. Southworth, we have Resolution No. 2016-087. This is a resolution adopting alternative tax budget information for the City of Strongsville for Fiscal Year 2017. We're going to place this on first reading.

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

(None)

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

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut:** Thank you Mr. Southworth. Planning, Zoning and Engineering has Ordinance No. 2016-072 on this evening's agenda. It's to change the zoning on Temple Drive from public facilities to office building. I asked that be placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We also have Resolution No. 2016-083. This is to advertise for professional engineering and consulting services for the I-71/SR 82 Interchange Improvement Project. We asked that be placed on second reading. We also have Resolution No. 2016-084. That's confirming the Planning Commission approval of three remote radio heads to be installed on the water tower here by ATT. That did receive a favorable recommendation this evening. That's all I have under Planning, Zoning and Engineering, thank you Mr. Southworth.

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

(None)

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you, we have one ordinance tonight, Ordinance No. 2016-085. It's a donation from Mr. Shanko of about \$400 worth of weight equipment. We're going to adopt that to accept that donation for the fire department. I do want to point out Mayor that your Chief of Police was very kind the other day when I asked him to check out a location for a crosswalk. He got right back to me and they're following up with the matter. I really appreciate it. It was really quick and it was about 7:00 a.m.-maybe 8:15 a.m. on Prospect Road by the way. I just wanted to share that with you, thank you Chief. I want to tell the public that it's very nice to be able to discuss these things as a councilmen with the two chiefs we have because they make it very easy. I know if a resident would call, they would do the same thing. I want to thank publicly both of you because you've made it very easy for me to do the work I do and try to help to continue to make the community safe, that's it.

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

(None)

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone:** Yes thank you, I have one ordinance this evening. Ordinance No. 2016-086. This is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract to purchase four trailer mounted leaf vacs to be used by our service department, not to exceed \$134,680.00. This was submitted by Best Equipment Co., Inc. Also, I wanted to share something with the school board that I had forgotten. The board this Thursday votes on recommendation with intent to begin negotiations and finalize a contract with Chartwells School Dining for food service. It was a really great presentation. It's kind of exciting to see the healthy options that our kids in our districts are going to have the experience. They are even talking about having a full-time chef on hand, not only to make sure the quality of food is good there, but also to educate the kids even more on the food so that's interesting. Also, what I think that does is it eats some of the debt burden here on the school district. So to provide the education for the kids with food, to provide better quality food hopefully and also to save the district money, I think it's a win/win for the district. Lastly, sorry Mr. Southworth, with Earth Day/Arbor Day approaching, I just wanted to share some recycling facts. With aluminum, recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours. An aluminum can that is thrown away today will be there five hundred years from now. We use over eighty billion aluminum soda cans every year. So when you're thinking about it at home and you're going through your stuff and you're throwing things away, please be mindful of recycling and helping out our environment. Just a couple more, to produce each week's Sunday newspaper, five hundred thousand trees must be cut down. America has used eighty-five billion tons of paper a year. That includes about six hundred pounds of paper per person, so just something to consider, that ends my report.

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

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 before the committee tonight. I have a couple of quick announcements. The senior prom is May 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00. There is still registration for that. Also, there's still day camp registration this week. Spots are filling fast, but it's still available. Finally, I would like to publicly thank State Senator Tom Patton, who is a Strongsville resident, for securing two hundred thousand dollars of state capital improvement funds for the recreation center. I want to commend the Mayor and Director Bryan Bogre for reaching out to the Senator to do that, for him getting that done through Columbus. I'm sure that was not an easy process. It will go towards helping us upgrade and repair the locker rooms at the recreation center so I do want to publicly thank Tom Patton for that. That concludes my report Mr. Southworth.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Short, I will if I could add on, baseball practices have started. I've already got the sunburn to prove it. It should be a good season and I just want to thank Jason Keppler, Bryan Bogre and the staff for having a well-organized machine regarding our kids' programs.

Mr. DeMio – Hey Gordon, did you go to prom?

Mr. Short – Did I go to Prom? Yes.

Mr. DeMio – There's a reason I ask the question did you go to prom.

(Unintelligible conversation)

Mr. DeMio – Right Mayor, true, because the day is different than what he said.

Mr. Short – Well, I'm talking about the senior prom for seniors at the recreation center. It's not the senior high school prom, this is the...

Mr. DeMio – There you go.

Mr. Short – for the senior citizens of our community, the senior prom, everyone will enjoy that. It is May 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., not the senior prom.

Mr. Bogre – Mr. Short, if I may, that's April 24<sup>th</sup> for the senior prom.

Mr. Short – Thank you for the correction, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. DeMio – As many of us have gone to prom, we know those dates.

Mr. Dooner – We know they're not 1:00 pm to 3:00p.m.

Mr. Carbone – If I can get this straight we have two councilmen that go to prom.

Mr. Southworth – No comment.

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Southworth:** We do have Ordinance No. 2016-092. This is actually going back to our magistrate being a part-time employee as opposed to an outside contractor. The recommendation on this is to suspend and adopt. In addition, we did have this past Wednesday an informational meeting with the engineers who did the study on the Howe Road slip ramp. It went about an hour and fifteen minutes, an hour and fourteen minutes to be exact. We were able to get just the overview of the project; it drilled down a little bit but not all the way there. Because it's not there yet, we have to do the studies and we are very early in this process. We did have that meeting, I understand Mr. Schonhut has an informational meeting on Thursday with residents, and where is that going to be at?

Mr. Schonhut – That is an informational meeting right here at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday that me and Mr. Short are hosting; obviously, the rest of you gentlemen are invited to attend. I would appreciate it if you would attend if you are available. I look forward to having some open discussion with many of the residents in regards to that.

Mr. Southworth – And all are welcome. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to field them.

(None)

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

**Mayor Perciak:**

(No report this evening)

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:**

Mr. Jamison – Thank you Mr. President, funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on such agenda requiring certification of funding. That concludes my report.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Dubovec.

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison:**

Mr. Jamison – Thank you, all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That ends my report.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Southworth – We have moved onto the part of our meeting for audience participation. Any member of the audience can address council for five minutes. We ask that you state your name and address. We do have a sign-in sheet and somebody has signed in, Mr. Michael Baker, if you please.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Michael Baker, 16716 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Good Afternoon, I'm Mike Baker and I live on 16716 Howe Road. I would like to reinstate my objections to the slip ramp for lots of reasons. I think the...I cannot even get out of my driveway safely. There is so much traffic. There's got to be thirty thousand cars a day traveling on Howe Road. This ramp is not going to cure any of that problem; as a matter of fact, I feel it is going to make it worse. People who now get off at SR 82 and travel in front of the mall for six stop lights to get to Pearl Road will say, "Whoa, here's an easy way out of this, I'll just take Shurmer Road." So Shurmer residents are going to look at a major amount of traffic and it just gets traffic faster to my place. Like I said, I can't even get out of my driveway. Somebody has to look at this. I don't know ODOT...they have a safety issue because the traffic backs up on SR 82 and onto the freeway. Well, there easy out is to say, "Hey Strongsville, I'll give you \$3 million, but it doesn't solve-it solves their safety problem, but it just pushes it into my residence, pushes it in my town, right into my residential area. I bought that house thinking that Howe Road was a residential street; you guys are turning it into a highway and it's terrible. What's going to happen to the two corner lots there? You have two empty corner lots where they tore down the old Howe house and the other side...I don't know, the guy planted something over there. You think anybody is going to build a residential house there? I wouldn't build a house there if you end up putting a slip ramp there. You know what the next step is? Change the zoning; we'll now put a gas station, a 7Eleven and another drug store; that's the way I feel what will happen. Otherwise, it will stay vacant. I think the City of Strongsville is being pushed around by ODOT. You need to establish an exit on that thing, down by Boston Road or Grafton Road. That's the only way that cures our traffic problem. This slip ramp, all it does is help the mall and the new businesses that you just put north of Shurmer Road. Anybody south of Shurmer Road has got problems.

That brings me to my second opinion here. In the newspaper I read that you guys don't want to hire some outside contractor to do your city planning, your major city planning. I don't know who runs that commission now, but I feel that commission hasn't looked at the planning well enough and that's why we have a problem here. We've allowed the mall, Costco, now Brew Garden, assisted living-all of them are built up in this area without looking at the planning of this. You're Planning Commission sucks. You need to hire somebody from the outside who takes an opinion or looks at it unbiasedly. I mean, I got quotes from you guys who say, "Hey, it's perfect, everybody in Strongsville liked what we did. Not everybody likes it. It's caused a lot of problems here. I can't even visit my neighbor across the street because I can't even cross the street without risking my life. My grandkids play in my front yard too Mayor. If you can lower the speed limit in front of your house, why can't you do it in front of mine? I've got seventeen grandchildren.

Mr. Southworth – Congratulations on all the grandkids.

Mr. Baker – Well yeah, but I don't want to lose any on my front yard, and we do play in the front yard. I'm asking you people for help here.

Mayor Perciak – There is strong enforcement on Howe Road right now, and Shurmer Road.

Mr. Baker – I agree and I've had people stop...

Mayor Perciak – And we will continue that enforcement and trust me, I can't get into everybody's mind whose driving a car up and down Howe, and our police officers are going to do their very best...

Mr. Baker – And I'm sure they will.

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

Mayor Perciak - ...and we're doing this because of the concerns not only raised by you, but the people two weeks ago. We're going to continue to stay there until we can get some semblance of order, but you also need to understand as we continue this enforcement, we're going to have traffic tied up to kingdom come.

Mr. Baker – You can slow them down Mayor, but you cannot stop the amount of traffic we get. That's the problem; it's the amount. The minute your policemen disappear from that street they're back up to 45mph-50mph running down there.

Mayor Perciak – We had a discussion about that this morning.

Mr. Baker – Well, you've got thirty thousand cars traveling down that street and it's a residential street; it's not a highway and that's what you have to look at.

Mayor Perciak – We can't keep them off. We can't tell them, "Don't use Howe Road."

Mr. Baker – Planning Commission would have informed you that you were having a problem to begin with and that you need to develop another way. And now you're letting ODOT dictate to you what to do. All they're doing is curing their problem and jamming it into my neighborhood. That isn't right. I lose fifteen thousand dollars on the value of my house just because I live on that street now. You're paying for this ramp not only with tax money but on my back too, so I don't agree with it. I'm in favor of you hiring an outside contractor or city planner; you guys need it. You need to have it well established like Solon's and Twinsburg's. Their community is nice because they know which direction they're going in. Does our Commission, does our City Planner-what are their qualifications? Are they qualified to plan a city planning? I mean, this guy, this outside contractor, I'm sure that's what he does for a living; he's going to tell you right instead of maybe you guys aren't so qualified.

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. Baker, if I could really quick, there's a lot of very highly qualified people on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Baker – What qualification does it require?

Mr. Schonhut – I do want to say that what you're discussing is not a dead issue. It's something that Mr. Carbone and myself brought up and that's something that we're going to bring here to vote on in the very near future as far as going out and getting an outside contractor to redo our master plan.

Mr. Baker – And I saw your comments and you were for it, but there are other people on this board that aren't. They think that the foundation has been set ten years ago and it's still good. It's not good; not when we run into issues like this. That's all I have today, thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Baker. Is there anybody else who would like to address council?

Michael Galloway, 17846 Lyons Lane, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, I'm Mike Galloway, 17846 Lyons Lane. I'm with The Woods of Strongsville Homeowner's Association. I wanted to thank you all for the opportunity to speak to you for a few minutes. I'm here to discuss what I saw in The Post Newspaper this past Saturday regarding the flooding plans and what you guys are looking at. I just want to emphasize where we are from a homeowner's association perspective and the residents within The Woods of Strongsville. I've been on the board since 2004. I've personally took on the opportunity to investigate the problem that we had back in 2014 and 2015, interviewing everybody in the neighborhood and collecting data.

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

Mr. Galloway (cont'd) – I shared that with the Mayor at our homeowner's association annual meeting in 2014, in May 2014, along with Scott Maloney who was the councilperson at that time. I believe one or two of you may have also been at that meeting. Just to reiterate some of those things-that data, I've shared that with the Mayor, I've shared that with Mr. Mikula and Ms. Daley. I appreciated the time to sit down with those folks and really show them what we were actually seeing during those floods. We had 19% of our households, and that's about two hundred and fifty some homes back in The Woods, that had some sort of water in them. It ranged anywhere from a trace to about twenty-three inches in depth. Collectively, we had more than \$400,000.00 in property damage and losses from those individuals. We've had about 30% of the folks actually had some sewer back-up insurance. They got maybe \$5,000.00 out of that; a couple of them got a few dollars more than that but most of the folks that got hit got nothing out of it and just took that as a loss. We know that there has been some impact to our homes, to the values of those homes; hopefully, it hasn't clobbered us too badly, but we know we've taken some sort of a hit there. We also know that we've got some other things going on with some premiums and insurance that people are having some problems with now. Because of the flooding they have gotten their insurance cancelled because they have filed too many claims. Those are just some of the losses that we can't calculate into this but that \$400,000.00 was hard property that we lost. Just other little tidbits there; collectively we've calculated that there was about 174,000 gallons of water in our basements during the last storms. That's a lot, as I know you know. So the bulk of the flooding that we experienced was along the Lyon Lane corridor which included Martins Lane, Lyon Lane, Ellsworth, a little bit on Oliver and a little bit on Ellsworth. Some of the town homes and cluster homes that sit back in the Woodside Crossing area were also affected; they had some water come up to them. It's a pretty wide range just within our development that got clobbered. That doesn't even address the folks that we didn't interview who were outside of our homeowner's association on Walnut that got devastated from what we could see of it. We appreciate the work that you have done so far, the changing of the angle of the water runway that runs behind Walnut and up to the Lyon Lane basin. The change of that from moving it from a ninety degree angle to a (unintelligible) degree angle, Ken thank you very much for that, we appreciate it. It seems to have helped a little bit but we're not totally sold that is everything. I think that for the city itself you guys don't think so either, right? We didn't cause the problems, our development didn't. We would hope that everybody around us understands that, that the value of our homes affects other folks' homes as well. We would urge you to please take into consideration those types of things, do the studies, and please proceed if at all possible. We would really like to see this done. Our only complaint is 2017 seems a long way off for them to start digging ground. We understand that it takes time but if there was some way to speed that up we would appreciate you doing that. I appreciate your time, thank you very much.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you very much Mr. Galloway. Is there anyone else who would like to address council?

James Milligan, 17802 Lyons Lane, Strongsville, OH: Hi, my name is Jim Milligan, I'm at 17802 Lyons Lane. I just want to kind of piggyback off of some of Mike's comments. Specifically, I kind of want to share my story. I know some of you, Mr. Mayor, is aware that, and my councilman Mr. Short, is aware of it, but as Mike alluded to, my insurance was terminated this year, my homeowner's insurance. It wasn't pleasant. My insurance was up for renewal in January, and State Farm made the decision that these flooding issues are now a liability for the company so my insurance was terminated. We got a nice letter from the Provident Funding that they would put a bridge policy in place for \$1,500.00 for three months. That obviously wasn't going to happen so we did secure a carrier through an insurance program in Columbus which we were up and running for about a month and a half-two months with Allstate. That policy was pretty much double what we had been paying, the annual premium. Allstate took a little more digging into the City of Strongsville and they decided to terminate our contract, terminate our insurance.

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

Mr. Milligan (cont'd) - As of April 4<sup>th</sup> we had no insurance; so we went back to the drawing board and as of now we are with Grange Insurance, but again, there's problems with that in the sense that they won't offer us a sewer rider. They will reevaluate that after the course of a year if we are obviously damage free. Again, the base price even without the insurance rider is double what we had paid in the past. Again, as Mike was saying, I know that there's a lot of discussions about the funding of this project; I would simply urge all the councilmembers to vote favorably for that. We needed to get this started yesterday. Again, I realize things don't happen overnight as well, but I just wanted to share my personal story about insurance. It's something that really hasn't been mentioned at this point. I don't know of anyone else in my development who has had their insurance terminated, but it's not pleasant. I just wanted to share that with you.

Mayor Perciak – You're right the (unintelligible) place insurance that your lender is trying to provide you with you have got to stay away from that.

Mr. Milligan – Exactly

Mayor Perciak – There's no question about it. And we've communicated and we are doing are very best at bringing this to you. We know we have to move on this and we are going as quickly as we can.

Mr. Milligan – Right, I'm just...

Mayor Perciak – Even if it means us having to finance this, the council is going to have to approve it, but I outlined a program in which we can move forward to. Not one of these projects, including yours, is going to happen at the same time because of the restrictions that are put on us and the council as far as bidding for things. We know we are going to have four different projects that are going to be out there at different times working, but we've met with our financial consultants, we've met with our bankers and they assured us that they will make the funds available to us, all we have to do is legislate that and figure out a way how to pay it because they're going to of course want a source of repayment; in our case, it's the general fund. We have a storm water relief fund but it doesn't even begin to touch what this entire amount encapsulates. I'm going as quickly as I can. Ken Mikula is going as quickly as he can. As a matter of fact, we've had your councilman and the council president in with the study that we have and we're trying to move as quickly as we can on this.

Mr. Milligan – Mr. Mayor, I appreciate, first of all, your phone call and your attention when I sent the email to your office; I do appreciate that. I was at a waterpark with my family so I didn't get the phone call; ironically, I was at a waterpark.

(Laughter)

Mr. Milligan – But nonetheless, I appreciate your attention. Again, I am simply here to ask council to look upon us favorably. We're not trying to do something that doesn't need to be done. It has to be done for the values of our homes and the quality of life, thank you.

Mayor Perciak – You're welcome.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Milligan.

Mr. DeMio – Duke, if I may, I've been doing this awhile. I'll tell you, it was the best presentation regarding water relief and sewer relief that I've been a part of. I've seen a lot of development; I know the issues in Ward 3, Ward 4, not so much in Ward 2 but there are some...

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

Mayor Perciak - One

Mr. DeMio – One in Ward 2, but I have to tell you, Mr. Mikula and the Mayor have really done an outstanding job. I mean that and I think it is important to know that 2017 is not close enough for all of us, and I agree with you, but that was an outstanding... I wish you guys were there. I really do because it was really well done. The costs were as hard of costs as I think the Mayor can get. It really outlined everything that has gone on for at least twenty-five years.

Mayor Perciak – Joe, if I may, back then when everything was being engineered, it was being engineered to the specs at that time. Since then, so many things have changed. Now, we have to do what we have to do to take whatever corrective measures within the limitations of our budget that we can do. We know that and we've conveyed that to you and that none of us here are trying to give you a dog and pony show; we want to get it done.

Mr. Milligan – I understand that and I do appreciate your attention. I have actually met with Mr. Mikula and his team as well so I do appreciate the city's attention to this; but again, please try to push that financing through.

Mayor Perciak – The other thing is your friend back there, Mr. Galloway, he's a hard bargain.

Mr. Milligan – He is, he's a good neighbor.

Mayor Perciak – A good neighbor who drives a hard bargain, but he's a better softball player.

Mr. DeMio – The last thing I want to say Mayor because I'm in touch with a lot of other communities with the folks I know, we are rare, and everybody on council knows this and for all the residents out there listening, we are rare that we have two engineers in our city, Mr. Walker and Mr. Mikula. That is a rare breed to have so we are blessed. Oftentimes, the service director, which I still call him the public works director, but we have an engineer that did all the dirty work in the day too. It's a rare thing that's why I just wanted to make that point.

Mr. Southworth – Is there anyone else who would like to address the audience?

(No Comments)

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**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. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 04-04-16. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 04-14-16.*

***Placed on second reading. Set for a public hearing on 06-06-16.***

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

**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 second reading and referred back to the Committee.***

**Resolution No. 2016-084** by Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE ADDITION OF THREE (3) REMOTE RADIO HEADS (RRHs) TO THE EXISTING ANTENNA AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE MOUNTING SYSTEM, ALL ON THE EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18778 ROYALTON ROAD (PPN 396-10-014), 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. 2016-084 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2016-085** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF WEIGHT EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FOR USE BY THE CITY'S FIRE 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. 2016-085 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2016-086** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) TRAILER MOUNTED LEAF VACS FOR USE BY THE CITY'S SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2016-086 ADOPTED.**

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

**Resolution No. 2016-087** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Dooner. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred back to the Committee***

**Ordinance No. 2016-088** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH ANTHONY BUMBALIS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE, 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. 2016-088 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2016-089** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH HERSCHMAN ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE, 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. 2016-089 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2016-090** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH JOHN B. KORNICK FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE, 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. 2016-090 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2016-091** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH JULIE SIPKA FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE, 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. 2016-091 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2016-092** by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 296.09 OF CHAPTER 296 OF TITLE TEN OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING THE MAYOR'S COURT MAGISTRATE, 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. 2016-092 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

*Application for Permit: **NEW-D5I**: To: Mariola Burgers Strongsville LLC; **DBA: The Rail Strongsville, 17885 SouthPark Center & Patio, Strongsville, Ohio 44136** (Responses must be postmarked no later than 4/25/2016).*

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

**Motion to consider withdrawal of previous objection for the following:**

*Application for Permit: **TRFO-D1-D2-D3-D3A-D6**: To: Strongsville Pub LLC; **DBA: Johnny J's Pub and Grille, 15323 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136** (Objection to the application was given at the 02-01-16 council meeting).*

**\*\*Motion by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to withdraw previous objection based on the various criminal convictions of the three officers of the applicant. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.\*\*** **\*\*Note: Conditional objection based on Building Department's report is still outstanding at this time.\***

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Southworth adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Signature on File  
Aimee Pientka, CMC  
Clerk of Council

May 2, 2016  
Date of Approval