

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, May 2, 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, May 2, 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:

Finance Committee: 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 an exercise the city needs to do to demonstrate to the County that we need revenue generated from tax levies. The recommendation for this resolution is to suspend and adopt.

Mr. Dooner advised there will be a meeting presented by representatives from the State Auditor's Office to discuss the audit that was conducted on May 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor's conference room.

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Daymut advised Ordinance No. 2016-093 is to authorize and direct the Mayor to issue and approve change orders to increase the contract price with Stanec Consulting Services, Inc. in connection with the Cherry Stone Drive Drainage Project. The increase is in the amount of \$15,065.80. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt this ordinance. Ordinance No. 2016-094 and Resolution No. 2016-095 are to accept the plat and to dedicate certain streets in Siedel Farms Subdivision No. 5. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt both of these pieces of legislation.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-096; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Sutphen Corporation to purchase one new 2016 Extreme Duty Pumper to be used by the fire department. The total amount for the pumper is \$460,000.00. Chief Draves advised the service mechanics discovered a ten foot long crack on the frame on the passenger side and another crack on the driver's side of the existing sixteen year old vehicle the fire department currently has. Based on the cost estimates of alternative options such as to repair the frame or replace the frame, along with looking at the longevity for still being able to use that vehicle, it was determined in the city's best interest to just go ahead and purchase a new vehicle. The money to purchase this will come out of the city's emergency vehicle fund. Chief Draves advised the city also has a twenty-six year-old reserve vehicle to use until they get this new pumper. Mr. Dubovec advised once this legislation passes, he will do an appropriations ordinance to include this expense.

Mr. DeMio advised he would like to schedule a future committee meeting prior to caucus. A possible date will be June 20, 2016.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-098. This is to enter into a contract with Marks Construction, Inc. for emergency repairs to a city storm sewer on Point Overlook Drive. All seven votes of council are required for this ordinance to pass. Right now, the repair cost is approximately \$65,000.00. Mr. Carbone advised that the cost could potentially go up more in the future. Mr. Walker advised the cost could go up to approximately \$100,000.00. Mr. Walker showed pictures of the area and the two homes affected by the erosion. Mr. Walker went into a brief explanation of the work to be done in this area. Mr. Dubovec advised he will do an appropriations ordinance to transfer money for this work.

Mr. Carbone thanked Mr. Walker for the Meadowood garbage signs. Mr. Walker advised he spoke to the association president and advised him that the signs will be kept up for 2-3 weeks.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-099. This is to authorize by internet auction the sale of obsolete property (fitness equipment) no longer needed by the recreation department.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised the tour of Cuyahoga Community College Events Manufacturing will take place sometime in the Fall. Mr. Daymut advised the process has started for the resident survey and more information regarding this will be forthcoming.

Committee of the Whole:

Motion made by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of April 13, 2016. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2016-097 is a new collective bargaining agreement between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police, Parma Lodge #15 (Corrections Officers) through December 31, 2018. This ordinance will be placed on first reading. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Resolution No. 2016-100. This is authorizing the Mayor and Assistant Law Director to enter into a modification to the prior judgement entry to be filed in Common Pleas Court concerning the Plaza at SouthPark. Mr. Southworth advised Ordinance No. 2016-101 will be placed on first reading this evening. This is to amend, Section 618.12 (Hunting or Trapping Prohibited) of Chapter 618 Animals of the Codified Ordinances to authorize a nuisance abatement initiative for both short term and long term control and reduction of the white-tailed deer population, in coordination with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and contiguous, adjoining, political subdivisions that opt to adopt a similar plan for nuisance abatement. This pertains to deer culling in the City of Strongsville. Mr. Jamison advised this ordinance will also allow someone to obtain an ODNR deer control damage permit outside of normal deer hunting season. This essentially will allow hunting all year.

President Southworth noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose to discuss legal matters and collective bargaining matters. Motion was made by Mr. Southworth 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 7:50 p.m. Also present from the Administration was Mayor Perciak, Neal Jamison, Steve Kilo, Charles Goss 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, MAY 2, 2016 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Southworth called the meeting to order at 8:03 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 18, 2016 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Ceremonial swearing in of Patrol Officer Steven L. Vanek for the City of Strongsville Police Department.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Mr. President, this evening it's my honor and privilege to ask Patrolman Steven L. Vanek to step forward so that we can officially administer the Oath of Office.

Mr. Kobak – This evening I would like to introduce to City Council and the citizens of Strongsville our new police officer, Steven Vanek.

(Applause)

Mr. Kobak – Steven Vanek comes to us from the Cleveland Police Department's 5th District where he served just under two years with the City of Cleveland; now he is with us. Steven is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace University. While he was at Baldwin Wallace he did a college law enforcement internship with the Strongsville Police Department. He is presently pursuing a Master Degree through the University of Cincinnati. He's here with his wife Antoinette and sister Lauren who will assist in the swearing-in. He's here also with friends and family.

At this time, Mayor Perciak administered the Oath of Office.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes, Mr. Southworth, due to our public meeting I was not able to attend the school board meeting. I will be attending the next one and I will give you a full update.

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

(None)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: I was not able to make the trustee meeting because of a city council issue. Having said that, there was a Tiara Ball last Saturday at Public Hall that was very well attended. The Mayor and Councilman Dooner were there. The good news for Southwest is they recently received an “A” rating from the National Leapfrog Group for patient safety. This is the sixth consecutive year that they have received such an award. We are blessed to have a quality healthcare institution so close to Strongsville and one that works so well with the City of Strongsville and our schools. I know that they have reached out to the school district, Jane Ludwig is somewhere out there, and we’re very appreciative of their efforts. It’s a very good relationship. If there are any questions for me I’d be more than happy to answer them.

(None)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, I have nothing to report for Building and Utilities or Communications and Technology tonight, but I will happily take any questions for either committee.

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, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening’s agenda. I will give a brief report on our meeting of Monday, April 25th. We’re in the process of planning our next business breakfast meeting for September. We’re also accepting awards for our innovation businesses here in the City of Strongsville. We received a tech committee report from Ed Oliveros. We are in the process, as you know, we are having our business and retention expansion survey for 2016 returned. Right now, we’re almost at twenty-four percent; and they still continue to come in. Any of our business partners who have received it, please fill it in; we would appreciate it. We’re also in the process of developing the residential survey census. It’s been ten years since we’ve done that. We’ll get more information to you as we progress with that. We discussed Ordinance No. 2016-072. We received some information on our business parks concerning food trucks and walking paths. Also, our community college advance manufacturing tour scheduled for April had to be cancelled. We thought to have it in May or June but know they are in the process of renovation. We will probably go in September or October. We received an update on our Strongsville businesses here. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center. That’s all I have Mr. Southworth.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Daymut, the residential survey is a great idea. A lot of us go door-to-door or are out in the community, but what somebody might say to your face might be different than what they actually do on a confidential...

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont’d):

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

Mr. Daymut – It's true, I will admit our last one ten years ago was extremely successful. I was trying to think the percentage that turned them in, it was like thirty-three percent or thirty-six percent.

Mr. Painter – It was thirty-six percent response rate from our residents. At that time we had almost seventeen thousand homes that we surveyed so it says a lot for the residents of the City of Strongsville-taking an active interest and giving us as much information as they can. We look forward to getting that out as soon as we can. I look forward to all of our residents filling that out and giving us a good idea of what they think. By the way, it was very, very positive. You can see the results of that.

Mr. Southworth – 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. This is merely proving to the county that we need our tax levy money. The recommendation is suspension and adoption.

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

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Southworth. On this evening's agenda we have Ordinance No. 2016-093. It did receive a favorable recommendation. That's a change order to increase the contract price with Stanec for the Cherry Stone Drive Drainage Project in the amount of \$15,065.85. Also we have Ordinance No. 2016-094 received a favorable recommendation. That's accepting for recording purposes the plat of Siedel Farms Subdivision No. 5. The companion Resolution No. 2016-095 received favorable recommendation. That's the intent of council to accept for dedication certain streets within Siedel Farms Subdivision No. 5. That's all I have for 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: Thank you, we have on the docket tonight Ordinance No. 2016-096. It's an extreme pumper replacement. It's the big truck that you see fly down the streets when there is a need. The old truck, which is not horribly old, is about five years...

Mayor Perciak – Sixteen

Mr. DeMio – yes, about five years shy of its life. It has a ten foot crack on it so we cannot use it. Because we had some vision years ago and the new direction of the way our budget works, the emergency vehicle fund is going to be used to spend \$460,000.00 to replace the old one. We're asking this council with the blessing of the administration and our chief that we support this and support this ordinance. We certainly don't want to go down to just one pumper. Again Chief, Mayor, I want to put this on the record, I truly appreciate your Chief calling me so early in the game when this happened...to get our bearings as a group here.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd): I want to thank him again for doing that. He's taking a page out of Jim Kobak's book of calling early as well. Never forget to thank the Chief of Police when you drive around town. I just want to thank you for allowing me to do that. I know there are a lot of people here tonight. I'd like to close the committee unless there are questions.

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

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: There is one ordinance this evening, Ordinance No. 2016-098. This is an ordinance approving, ratifying, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for payment for various emergency repairs in Forest Park with their storm sewer. There's some major erosion that is happening. This is going to be done without public bidding so we need all seven. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

Motion by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to note and approve the owners' designation of wishes for interments in Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section C, Lot #180, Grave F. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to note and approve the owners' designation of wishes for interments in Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section G, Lot# 149, Graves E & G. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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 one ordinance tonight, Ordinance No. 2016-099 to authorize the city to enter into a contract by internet auction to sell the obsolete equipment at the recreation center. As you know, we are replacing that equipment. As the new equipment comes in we will need to then sell that equipment to the public through a website called www.GovDeals.com. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Also, just a couple of quick announcements- for the summer as we approach, many of the youth leagues are starting to now take sign-ups for the summer, including youth tennis lessons, the girls' volleyball clinic for grades 4-8, and also the girls' volleyball league 3rd-8th graders as well. Also, the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball camp will be held this year for boys and girls ages 7-16. There's two sessions, one is June 20th-24th, and the other is August 1st-5th. It is to note that this is the Cavalier's staff, not the players or coaches. However, we do wish the Cavs well tonight and hopefully their well on their way to a game one victory tonight. That is all I have unless there are any questions for me.

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

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Southworth: We have three ordinances on this evening's agenda. Ordinance No. 2016-097 is a union contract with our corrections officers. I'm placing this on first reading. We have Ordinance No. 2016-101; this is an ordinance that relates to the deer culling issue that passed back in February. This is also going to be on first reading. Then we have Resolution No. 2016-100. This is to allow Costco to put in more gas pumps which is in agreement with the court order that we entered into in order to resolve that litigation way back when. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt that resolution. That is all that I have for Committee of the Whole, 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, first of all, a couple of announcements. The first phase of the Pearl Road Resurfacing Project is scheduled to begin tomorrow. As you can see, all of the barrels are up there and they've started some work already today, but tomorrow they will begin in earnest. This phase begins, of course, right here at Westwood Drive and continues approximately two miles north to the bridge over the Ohio Turnpike. Two-way traffic will be maintained with one lane open in each direction and access will be provided to all the buildings, homes, and businesses on Pearl Road; however, delays are to be expected with everything that is going on there. The construction on Pearl Road on the north side of The Commons to the Ohio Turnpike Bridge should be completed by July 7th; however, we are not done there. We are going to take a couple week break and then we're going to start the construction on the south side of Pearl Road from in front of the CVS all the way up to Shurmer Road. What's going to happen there is that is not going to be a complete tear-out, but that will be the individual concrete that needs to be replaced; each slab will be replaced as needed. We hope to have all that buttoned up and done by the time October comes. It's going to be a busy construction year on Pearl Road. Again, the majority of that money was grant money. Also, approximately by the end of this week/beginning of next week, construction may begin on the north ramp onto I-71. As you know, we have received ODOT dollars, grant dollars, to do that- to extend that from one lane to two lanes as you enter north onto I-71. That will also be under construction. Unfortunately, we live in a climate where our construction periods are limited, so we have to make best use of the time that we have. I'm asking everybody to please be patient as we get most of this done; especially, our north end of Pearl Road needs resurfacing badly. We also are doing everything we can with ODOT to relieve as much of that merging when you're trying to get onto I-71 where everybody is almost playing chicken there in the morning. That will hopefully come to an end here by the end of the year. During The Convention time though however, all ODOT projects will be suspended for two weeks.

The next thing is the Memorial Day Parade that we hold in our town every year. I've been in touch with the VFW; we are going to have the usual Memorial Day service and observance here on our Freedom Trail, but the parade route has not yet been determined. I'm asking everybody in the press, Terry (Brlas) if you can, to hold off on putting any parade route because what I'm afraid of is on the north end of Pearl Road we certainly don't want people trying to hopscotch around all that construction there. We'll let you know as soon as we know. I'm waiting to hear from the Commander from the VFW. That ends my report.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Mayor.

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

Mr. DeMio – I'm sorry, I do have one thing with the Mayor during his report and I didn't want to stop him. Mayor, shockingly, what happened today, and it was four or five vehicles, so you know when it's really for your safety and maybe Joe Walker. As people are going northbound on Pearl Road, they are splitting to get to Westwood to turn left. I'll use your term, now they are playing chicken to get around and go to the right lane to go north rather than turning left onto Westwood. It happened on the way here and it happened this morning too. I don't know if there is something you want to take an extra look at, maybe the signage or maybe the enforcement, I don't know but it was pretty interesting that people were doing that. They saw the Westwood side with lighter numbers of vehicles, to assume that they cut back out, back into the north lane...

Mr. Walker – So they were committing left and coming back in the thru lane?

Mr. DeMio – Correct

Mr. Walker – Okay

Mr. Walker – So I just wanted to...

Mayor Perciak – They will be there at 7:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Mr. DeMio – I know you will, so that's it.

Mayor Perciak – Okay, thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you

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

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Dubovec.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: Thank you Mr. Chairman, all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form, that's it.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Southworth – We have come to the part of our meeting for audience participation. Any member of the audience can address council for five minutes. We do have a sign in sheet. First person signed in is John Hasko.

John Hasko, 14515 Drake Road, Strongsville, OH: John Hasko, 14515 Drake Road. Concerning the slip ramp, I don't think we've done enough to try and alleviate the congestion and the accidents that are happening. According to the newspaper last week, cell phone use has gone up 7.7%. Do we have any kind of enforcements for cell phone use in Strongsville?

Mayor Perciak – Chief?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Chief Kobak – Yes. If officers do observe that, we have a driver inattention ordinance that they can cite under and if they do see that violation, they can stop for that.

Mr. Hasko – We need to pay more attention to the cell phone use. Next is the congestion of the traffic. I don't think we've done enough to try and alleviate it. My wife and I were coming home this week, coming up the ramp, I stopped eight cars from SR 82 in the left lane. It took me three complete circuits of lights to get onto SR 82. As you know, the people coming down SR 82, they just keep coming. Some of them don't even stop for a red light so they back up the whole intersection. People coming up the ramp, they don't...they'll just keep going and sneaking out until it's all just a big bottle neck. Possibly, ODOT should look at moving the traffic light east on SR 82 seventy-five to a hundred feet down so then the cars would have to stop that much sooner than they get to the ramp. I know that can be a problem for cars coming on SR 82 that want to turn left going on to I-71, but the traffic signals would have to be adjusted so that they have time to come up, make their left hand turn to get on there and continue on. Moving that traffic light would make a big difference in the congestion of the cars not giving proper distance for other cars to come on. The other part of the slip ramp thing is, before any other motions are made of any kind, our Councilmen should definitely get together with Senator Patton and absolutely have a meeting with him and the residents so we get more knowledge of what's going on and what could be done before any other procedures are taken for that slip ramp, thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Hasko. Is there a Dave Zarko in the audience? Please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record please.

David Zarko, 19200 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: David Zarko, 19200 Howe Road. I just had a comment. Last time we were here at Council, I...I and a few other people brought up the fact that traffic on Howe Road seems to...most people don't seem to obey the speed limit. Right after that, the Chief directed some additional police enforcement on our street to try and slow people down. I can now tell when the police car is on Howe Road in my section from when they're not there...

(Applause)

Mr. Zarko – ...because of the speed people are driving. When the police car...I don't even have to look for the police car, I can look out and I go, nobody's here today because they're driving 45mph, so it works. You have a police car there people drive the speed limit. When he's not there, they know and they just drive whatever speed they want. That is the only thing I wanted to say. The police presence is helping.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Zarko.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Chief and the Mayor for having that...paying that attention to it. Is it Leslie and Mike Askew (16319 Howe Road)? Are they...

(Inaudible)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Southworth – Okay, yes, it is not on this evening's agenda. To the extent that members of the audience's comments have been taking into account by the first two speakers, feel free to just give us your name and address and we will second those comments on your behalf. If not, if you want to come up to the podium, you're more than welcome. The next, and pardon me for any mispronunciation of...I don't have my glasses on, Dan Magnani?

Dan Magnani, 16112 Delmont Avenue, Strongsville, OH: Councilmen...Dan Magnani, common spelling. Mr. Mayor...

Mayor Perciak – Address?

Mr. Magnani – Oh, 16112 Delmont Avenue, Strongsville, Ohio. I am here to protest strongly about the proposed exit or ramp as you call it, on...from I-71. But I feel that, maybe my wards and maybe the wards of the people in this Chamber, they maybe a little insignificant. The reason why I say that is because in the past, it seems that the councilmen and all due respect Mr. Mayor yourself, you work for the people; we don't work for you, okay. To simply say that, three...you quoted in *The Post* that "For every three people that were against the project that ten people were for it". Well, I doubt that seriously. I really do. The point being, when I say insignificant, when the Kids First project on Howe Road first was voted in, the owners of Kids First than decided they wanted to put up a nursing home or an assisted living home next to it. I was opposed to that, but it went on the ballot. Prior to that going on the ballot, I took a ride past, where Kids First and looked to the back, and they were already starting minimal construction on that nursing home. It wasn't even on the ballot yet. So when I say insignificant, that's what I mean. It seems that the councilmen, the council just doesn't seem to listen when the people say no...

Mayor Perciak – Now that's not true. I don't know why it started or how it started, but we didn't give them any permits.

Mr. Magnani – Well...it started.

Mayor Perciak – Okay, understand...

Mr. Magnani – Yeah.

Mayor Perciak – We did not give them any permits...

Mr. Magnani – It started, it started, it started, it started! Whether you knew it or not Mr. Mayor, it started and I thought that was a little odd. We hadn't even voted on this project and it was already being constructed; however, let me regress, but let me say this, I worked for 20 years with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department and I also worked with Mr. Carbone who was a Deputy at that time. I want to say a little analogy, when a woman accuses somebody of rape they said, well...when she said no, she meant no, okay, but in this case, when people say no, evidently the city council doesn't seem to hear that. The reason why I say that is when Issue 108 was on the ballot, about paving the streets, we voted it down. When it was voted down, you Mr. Mayor, in all due respect said in the paper, very like sour grapes type thing, "Well this would have done significant to repair the streets". Be that as it may, you said, "The people have spoken". Well evidently the people haven't spoken because I understand that in the near future you're going to, again, the council is going to put that Issue 108 back on the ballot again. So again, no doesn't mean no. But I regress of that. I wanted to say that everyone knows about the problems of the traffic on Howe Road. This isn't a Strongsville problem. This is a Medina and Brunswick problem. They're the ones that created this problem. Mr. Jimmy Kobak, the Chief of Police, says of all the accidents on Howe Road and SR 82...yea, I agree.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Magnani (cont'd) - But all those traffic accidents, there all of...problems happening is from traffic coming. Everyone knows that Brunswick and Medina is using Howe Road for a short cut. Everyone knows that. It seems that you try to put ten pounds of flour in a two pound bag. It just won't work. Now I read with great chagrin that we're going to put a slip or an exit. This makes absolutely, you know I only went to Kent State so maybe I am not as smart as some of the people that went other colleges, but...

Mr. Dooner – I went to Kent State. I'm on your side on that one.

Mr. Magnani – I know a bad plan when I see a bad plan. This is insane. Somebody must have blew a fuse in Strongsville. I'll tell you that...it makes absolutely no sense at all. You propose to take a bottle neck from Howe and SR 82 and move it a mile down the road to Shurmer Road makes no sense at all. The idea is to take traffic off of Howe Road, not put more traffic on. I would further say this, if the people that are coming south on Howe Road on I-71 that live in Medina and Brunswick, if they come and see that slip ramp is backing up, they're going to turn around and do exactly what they did before. They're going to go down SR 82 and go down Howe Road again. So again, it's a safety issue. You're putting the residents of Strongsville in harm's way Mr. Mayor, all due respect you are. Mr. Mayor, you have a lot of good friends. You have pals that can make this happen. I've heard before in the past, over and over and over...I've been a resident of Strongsville for over 40 years, "Oh it can't be done. We can't put a ramp of I-71 onto Grafton or Boston. It just can't be done. It can't be done". Well I say Mr. Mayor it can be done...

Mr. Southworth – Mr. Magnani, 30 seconds.

Mr. Magnani – Okay. You can push it. You and your pals. You can make this happen. This makes absolutely no sense at all. Again, it's a safety issue. Not so much a traffic issue, but a safety issue and you put the residents of Strongsville at risk. That ramp should never have been proposed and it's ridiculous.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Is there a Brenda Jamiol? Would you please come to the podium, state your name and your address.

Brenda Jamiol, 18051 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Good evening gentlemen, ladies. My name is Brenda Jamiol. I live at 18051 Howe Road. When the proposal of this slip ramp came in, they had the meeting with all the people. We all said, no. We don't want this. You guys are putting the safety of the community at a high risk. I would invite you Mayor to please come and sit in my front yard. Look at all the traffic that goes up and down, just for one day. Come and have your family have a party in my backyard or in my front yard and you will have an opportunity to see what we live with every day. To do this is going to be very detrimental. It's going to cause a lot of chaos. It's going to congest things and it's just going bad. I say no to the slip ramp and I support anybody else that does. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Brenda. Mike Baker.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mike Baker, 16716 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Good evening. I'm Mike Baker. I live at 16716 Howe Road. This is directed at you Mayor.

Mayor Perciak – (Inaudible)

Mr. Baker – Yea, but they won't pull in the driveway because they're afraid they can't back out. I did get rid of the boat today. I'm concerned with the safety of my family and the residents in the surrounding neighborhood. With this amount of existing traffic and the added traffic that this proposal will direct at our neighborhood, this amount of traffic...300, or 30,000 cars a days. It's a...it's amazing just to sit at the street and watch them go by. I mean it's nonstop and I...we feel that this slip ramp is just going to cause you aiming this traffic more at us and the safety of our neighborhood is in...concerns us. So we hope you will go against this. Change your mind on this ramp. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Baker. Is there a Shelley Luke in the audience? If you can please come to the podium and state your name and address.

Shelley Luke, 16408 Park Lane Drive, Strongsville, OH: Yes, my name is Shelley Luke. My address is 16408 Park Lane Drive. My concern is where is the rest of the money? ODOT is going to give some out, but then, who...how will this affect our taxes? If we do put the five lanes in going north, that's going to be a major undertaking. Whereas, if it's put in further south, they'll be less, much less, construction needed. More than anything, I'm concerned that our taxes will be effected unnecessarily when it could be put in a much less congested area. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Ms. Luke. Ms. Roff? I apologize.

Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Ann Roff. I live at 16764 Howe Road. Just a quick question, why did you take the vote for tonight, off the agenda? To put money towards the investing in...I'm sorry...to put money towards investing and getting contractors in to get estimates. Why did you take that vote off the agenda today? You were supposed to vote on it tonight, correct, or no?

Mayor Perciak – I can't answer why it's off the agenda, that's not my jurisdiction...

Ms. Roff – Who can?

Mayor Perciak – They won't be voting for...let me answer one question at a time, they wouldn't be voting to hire contractors. The only thing that they would be authorizing, should they decide to do it is allowing us to interview engineering firms and bring them in. Now, we don't know whether we'll get one engineering firm or in like some cases we get six to eight...

Ms. Roff – And it's going to cost between \$400,000.00 and \$800,000.00...

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – We don't know yet. That's not how you do it. What you do is you interview them based off their credentials and know how to do the job. After that's done, then the Council comes back and we recommend to them the engineering firm that we believe could best engineer the job. After that, should the Council decide and should it be determined from all the engineering work that is done that this is a feasible project, then we would start the process of takings and everything else. This is, as Matt tried to explain, along with Gordon at the meeting the other night, is the very first step. Not all projects...

Ms. Roff – I understand...

Mayor Perciak – Wait, wait. Let me finish.

Ms. Roff - I don't want you to take up my five minutes, so that doesn't count on my time.

Not all projects...no, it's not on your time. Not all projects are engineer able, okay. So we have to find out.

Ms. Roff – But who took the vote off?

Mr. Southworth – I can tell you, I did.

Ms. Roff – Okay.

Mr. Southworth – We had a Committee of the Whole meeting that we literally just approved the minutes for, today. Not all the members were at that Committee of the Whole meeting. I printed out a copy of those minutes that we had with the engineers. I wanted them to read through it.

Ms. Roff – Okay.

Mr. Southworth – So that everybody can make the most informed decision.

Ms. Roff – Right. Directed towards all of you. Have all of you read the 590 pages of your study?

Mayor Perciak – I have read the majority of the study but not everything.

Ms. Roff – Because in your study, and I have it highlighted if you want a copy, in your study from the firm that you hired, a very reputable firm, may I add. It states right in there that Parsons...the consulting company states that their conclusion and recommendations from the 2012 study is that the Shurmer Road slip ramp does not, in your study, does not resolve your congestion issue down at SR 82, okay. It goes on to state a lot more. I don't want to read the whole thing, but I would like for you guys to read it. Maybe even out aloud to everybody so they understand it. In addition to, it also says, this is a short term remedy for something and it's a median type, money spent on something that needs to have a large amount of money spent on it. Their conclusion also states that at some point, the long term solution is to implement a reconstruction of the ramp that we have now at SR 82 or to put in a new on/off ramp further up, at least one mile away from the existing ramp. Okay. And this is your study.

(Applause)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Roff – That's the conclusion of your 590 pages. So all you have to read is like two pages. Also, in your study at the very beginning of it, it states that this is a safety issue that their study is showing and states that there were 289 crashes on State Route 82 in that congested area. Do you know how many crashes in that same time period, for that two year period, were on Howe Road? Because it's easy to find. It's in your office...198. So when you take those cars off 82 and Howe and bring them up to our already 198 crashes for that period, how many crashes are going to be on Howe Road then?

Mayor Perciak – The question is how do we eliminate the 198 crashes that are there now?

Ms. Roff – Put an exit ramp at Boston. I talked...

(Applause)

Ms. Roff – Mayor, when was the last time that you had a conversation with Brunswick's Mayor?

Mr. Southworth – Ms. Roff, 30 seconds.

Ms. Roff – Okay, but he cut into my time.

Mr. Southworth – I realize that but we have a lot of speakers...

Ms. Roff – Okay.

Mr. Southworth – And I want everybody to get their chance.

Ms. Roff – I have a couple questions. I want my whole five minutes, please. Not counting your answers or interruptions...

Mr. Southworth – You've had your whole five minutes.

Ms. Roff – When the last time you had a conversation with the Brunswick Mayor? Mayor Falconi?

Mayor Perciak – Well they don't have a full time Brunswick Mayor. He's the President of Council. They have a full time City Engineer. We have discussed several, several programs with them, including the widening of Boston, which we had engineering done for.

Ms. Roff – When was that?

Mayor Perciak – This was in the last...how many years Ken? Last three, four years?

Ms. Roff – No. Go back a little bit more...

Mayor Perciak – No we have. We have the engineering...

Ms. Roff – I have the documentation...

Mayor Perciak – And they walked, that's okay, you put out whatever you want...

Ms. Roff – So go back more years. Go back more years.

Mayor Perciak – We can go back. The matter of fact is they didn't have the money.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Roff – Okay, well, there statements now and their standing by the fact that if you would come to them and they would welcome new plans and new talk. Also, when was the last time that you applied to ODOT for that exit ramp on Boston? Put in an application...

Mayor Perciak – I have never done it.

Ms. Roff – You've never done it.

Mayor Perciak – No.

Ms. Roff – At the last time it was done it was in 1990.

Mayor Perciak – I have never done it.

Ms. Roff – Why?

Mayor Perciak – I just never have done it.

Ms. Roff – Why?

Mayor Perciak – Because we were told in conversations....wait, let me finish. We were told by...with conversations with ODOT it was not a priority and that they had no interest in doing it. To the best of knowledge from the records that are here, we have been talking with them for that for 28 years.

Ms. Roff – The last application for it was in 1990. The only time that you've ever addressed ODOT was to stuff your plan, that states, in your safety, and this is what this is all about is safety, the conclusion is, it's not a good plan. The only thing that you study was up to Drake Road. Why didn't you study in this plan up to Boston Road? Because you knew that you weren't going to approach them for a Boston Road exit. You knew that from the start...

Mr. Southworth – Ms. Roff...

Ms. Roff – You weren't going to entertain that at all.

Mr. Southworth – Your time is up. Thank you very much.

Ms. Roff – Please your people Mayor, it's your job.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – The next person on the sign-in sheet is the Vanek, which I believe, they were here for their son being sworn in. Is Roseann or Al Lempeck?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Roseann Lempeck, 17466 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Roseann Lempeck. I live at 17466 Howe Road and I'm here to oppose the slip ramp because of all the traffic on Howe. When the Fire Department or Ambulance have to come down, there is nowhere for anyone to move besides going into the ditches. Up by my house on Howe, they have...they've redone the street but you go north towards SR 82, and there all ditches and there's nowhere for cars to go. People go into ditches to help the ambulance and police cars coming down there. And I just think...I am opposed to it. I think there's too much traffic on Howe Road for us to go with a slip ramp. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you very much Ms. Lempeck. Is there an Amy Witek.

Amy Witek, 19044 Quail Hollow Drive, Strongsville, OH: Good evening. My name is Amy Witek, 19044 Quail Hollow in Hunting Meadows subdivision. You've created a City that has plenty of attractions, yet nobody wants to or can drive through the City. Due to a lousy master plan, the City continues to struggle with even the basic infrastructure. You struggle to control the water. Your streets are in horrible shape and now you've come to the realization you can't control the traffic. Rather than locate the slip ramp down to Boston Road where the majority of the traffic is heading, you want to dump it directly into a residential area that is already paralyzed by traffic. How many daycare centers does this City need? How many nursing homes does this City need? How many restaurants does this City need? Enough is enough. I suggest you answer these questions before you cripple a residential area with even more unwanted traffic. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you very much. Is there a Tiffany Manzione (16128 Acacia Drive)?

Ms. Manzione just wanted it noted she was in agreement with the other residents who have spoken.

Mr. Southworth – Okay. Thank you. Is there a Lindsey Dozanti?

Lindsey Dozanti, 19249 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Lindsey Dozanti, 19249 Howe Road. We've been residents of Strongsville for 25 years. We've raised our children here and it was a blessing that they all had a wonderful upbringing here and they moved back to Strongsville. One of them lives on Howe Road. The other one lives across the street on Howe Road...right from Howe Road. We've watched a lot things change and traffic up and down the road. We were out of town at the meeting that was held for the community, so we were unable to attend and I'm really just echoing many of the concerns that are in this room that have been voiced; concern for safety for my children, for my grandchildren and it's just...it's very...it's a hard pill to swallow to think that this is an already done deal and that the community, the people here don't have an opportunity to vote and their voices to be heard. So I am happy to be here tonight to share my concerns with the people in the room. This is a great community and I think we need to work together to solve this problem. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Is there a Peg Tomek (16034 Squirrel Hollow Lane)?

Ms. Tomek just wanted it noted she was in agreement with the other residents who have spoken.

Mr. Southworth – Okay. Thank you very much Ms. Tomek. We will enter that into the record. Ms. Hohenfeld.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Leslie Hohenfeld, 18183 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Hello gentlemen. I've spoken with two of you. Oh I'm sorry. I forgot the name and address. Leslie Hohenfeld. 18183 Howe Road. I'm south of Drake on the highway side. I recently heard that there were plans to, long term plans, to widen Howe Road past Drake from Shurmer all the way down to Boston. It seems to be either a rumor or a myth or a truth and I'd like to hear which it is.

Mayor Perciak – In the comprehensive plan there's some mention, but there's just no dollars for that. To give you an example, just the...what we're repaving, Pearl Road here, that's almost two million dollars.

Ms. Hohenfeld – Yes.

Mayor Perciak – When we went ahead and widened Pearl Road from in front of DaVita Dialysis to the top of the hill, with the takings, with all the costs of the construction, that was almost \$11 million. I have no idea what it would cost to widen Howe Road because of all the residential real estate that's in there.

Ms. Hohenfeld – Right.

Mayor Perciak – No storm sewers. Some of Howe Road still needs sanity sewers. I can't even begin to give you an idea of what it would cost. Most of that, if not all of that would be on our ticket. There's your answer. I mean...

Ms. Hohenfeld – I can tell you that...I've heard from some of you that, the attitude is that there's just so many rentals there on Howe Road that it's not quite as important to you, but I've lived on Howe Road since 1989 and all the people I know on Howe Road, none of them are rentals...

Mayor Perciak – See Leslie, it's not that it's not important to us, but we wish that the landlords would take care of their properties.

Ms. Hohenfeld – I know there are a few...

Mayor Perciak – As well as all us people who own our homes here in town.

Ms. Hohenfeld – Right, but the majority of the people I know there, we reside there on Howe Road. Some of my concerns were addressed by previous people but I want to reiterate that I think it is very important that plans, further plans, will not attract the type of business that brings in more traffic. I mean, to bring in the type of businesses that are white collar or soft industry, something that brings in employees and keeps their cars there rather than just more and more retail, which seems to just add more and more congestion. I know, because of the mall, Strongsville is just expanded and exploded to become a shopping mecca. Please stop bringing...allowing more retail. I know you guys worked hard against Costco, but if something was in the plans...

Mayor Perciak – Leslie, can I just inject here please. The matter of fact is once the residents, and I was here at that time already, I was at the bank. Once the residents voted in the mall that just completed...put a whole new vision as to where Strongsville was going.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Hohenfeld – I know.

Mayor Perciak – Now, to this Council's credit, I wasn't here, and I was still at the bank, they did everything within their power to stop all of that development, not only the Costco, but everything that's there and...

Ms. Hohenfeld – Is it possible to have stronger, I mean from the Law Director, is there a way to have stronger laws within our ordinances and our zoning to keep more and more retail from coming?

Mayor Perciak – I can't answer that, but let me tell you this, once we lost that major case in Appellate Court, that opened up everything here. Plus it did cost us and no matter how we argue that, no matter how many different lawyers we had present different briefs, and one of our lawyers is here, Dan Kolick, who's been here with us for almost 40 years; they just turned us down. They basically told us, "You're going to allow this or we're going to assess damages to you."

Ms. Hohenfeld – I remember...

Mayor Perciak – Just so you know...

Ms. Hohenfeld – I remember, but it just still feels like it...

Mayor Perciak – It's not that, like Joe DeMio is up here and Mike Daymut. They're the only original McCoys who were involved in that. They tried. They fought like hell to make sure that did not happen. But, at the end of the day, when you get these three judge appellate court panels, there's not much we do. These people who own that land, those pieces of real estate, they also have rights. That's where we get into a pickle.

Ms. Hohenfeld – Right. I don't know if we are all wrong in thinking that if we had stronger ordinances and a city plan that it would help be stronger against that.

Mayor Perciak – But...

Mr. Jamison – If I may Mayor...

Mayor Perciak – Please.

Mr. Jamison – Just to answer. At the end of the day, there is nothing you can do to make anything stronger than what we've had over the course of time. As the Mayor alluded to, certain issues have gone to the ballot and the voters have decided to allow certain development...

Ms. Hohenfeld – And it seems like they vote without knowledge, sometimes.

Mr. Jamison – Again, that's not a legal question...

Ms. Hohenfeld – Sorry.

Mr. Jamison – That's more of the people voting the way they see fit...

Ms. Hohenfeld – I know. It's a democracy.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Jamison – From a legal perspective, as the Mayor just relayed it, at the end of the day the property owner, as he said, has certain rights. In certain instances, they've gone to court to enforce those. An example, where the current Costco goes. That was a long protracted piece of litigation that took seven to eight years to go through the court system...

Ms. Hohenfeld – I do recall that. It just seems like there's got to be...

Mr. Jamison – It's nothing we can do to make anything stronger or better. Our laws are good. We've had very good people over the course of time. Very good councils and mayors who have put the proper things in place. That is to be balanced, as the courts look at the rights of the property owners going forward. It's not because we haven't had the proper legislation or the proper laws to make it tough for them; we've had the appropriate legislation. Everything has to get balanced in terms of what the rights are of property owners as opposed to, as you look at a vision for a community. That's a struggle in every community that goes through development.

Mayor Perciak – Let me just go...one thing, someone mentioned nursing homes. In all fairness, you know, we, all you have to do is look at me, and look at the Law Director and Mr. Daymut and Mr. Dooner.

Mr. Dooner – What?

Mayor Perciak – They're counting on us is what it's all about because of where we're at and really the crossroads of the nation. Now, we as a municipality, have done everything we can under the law to highly regulate them from coming in here because as we...as they continue to expand that basin here, this becomes a major headache for police and fire here because every time...

Ms. Hohenfeld – Sure and it cost us...

Mayor Perciak – Yes. We don't encourage that. As a matter of a fact, at the last Planning Commission meetings, when any of them come around, I mean police and fire are very active in those discussions; especially fire because we realize the burden it places upon us. Believe me, we're not out there putting both hands up asking them to come here...

Ms. Hohenfeld – Please come...

Mayor Perciak – No.

Ms. Hohenfeld – That's good to know. Just one last thing, I wanted you to think about is what we can do to make Strongsville green again. It feels like you got so much concrete. There's just no woods and no green. I mean, I miss it. I moved here in '89. There was...it was a very pleasant suburb and it's just turned into concrete. It just makes me sad.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you.

Ms. Hohenfeld – Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – We have reached the end of the sign-in sheet. If there's anybody else who would like to address Council, please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Arthur Pusch, 17493 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: Good evening Mr. Mayor. Good evening council.

Mayor Perciak – Good evening Arthur.

Mr. Pusch – Arthur Pusch, 17493 Shurmer Road. I think I have the same anger pent up in all this, but it's not going to get us anywhere. Some valid points were brought out. I'd like to recommend that we try to sit down. I'll host it at the house. I'll pay for the food, drinks, whatever. Let's sit down and have a conversation and see if we can maybe push this off to Brunswick. Let's see if we can get some politicians involved. Other than throw it on council. I mean...

(Applause)

Mr. Pusch – Let's see if we can have a dialogue. I mean you guys represent us. I was angry. I'm still angry. I don't want it. The last, this lady did a phenomenal job. She made...she said some very valid points. Let's plant some more trees on all the tree lawns. I do on every one of our properties. It's just...it's a green city. It's...I...we've...I was born here, I grew up here and I have an investment here. I just...(laughter)...I'd like to see if we can take those points that you guys said, let's sit down. I'll host it. Wherever you guys want to do it. Danny Kolick will help me on that, right? Let's have a conversation and see if we can get some bigger authority so it can maybe relieve the pressure off of us and say listen, you guys have a valid point. Let's see what can be done. You know, I heard your points with the businesses. I'm sorry to say, I'm happier to see more...nicer restaurants in Strongsville. I know it brings a lot of traffic but the City really needs some of that stuff that really develops and creates some of the nicer things. I mean most of the shopping is done on the Internet anyways, but I like to take my wife out and family and I have my in-laws live two houses down. Let's see if we can create a conversation and let's see if we can do something. If...I'm open. Everybody pretty much knows where to get ahold of me. I'll be glad to host it. Let's see if we can move forward and come up with some sort of resolution other than what we have.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Arthur.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Is there anyone else? No, wait...

A member from the audience – I spoke before...

Mr. Southworth – You spoke...no, no, no...if you've already...

Mayor Perciak – Wait. Mr. Lucchese come on up.

Mr. Southworth – Mr. Lucchese.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Southworth – Please...

(Inaudible)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Southworth – He's got the podium.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Southworth – Excuse me, you've already addressed...

Mayor Perciak – Once.

Mr. Southworth – Yeah, you've already been up. We have people who haven't spoken for the first time, please.

Joe Lucchese, 16336 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: Joe Lucchese, 16336 Shurmer Road. Councilmen, gentlemen, Aimee. You know, I sat at the last meeting and I just kind of sat in the back and listened. I was just trying to gather all this. I'm kind of a listener. I like to listen and find out what's going on and see if we can come up with some kind of resolution. And, because you know what, the bottom line is, yeah, if it was up to our whole part of Strongsville, that whole...I live on Shurmer Road, Shurmer/Howe, that whole area, we'd probably be up here yelling and screaming and putting signs out in front of the building right now. But you know what? That's not going to work. The bottom line is, we need to come up with, like Art said, some kind of a resolution to sit down. I did a little...been thinking about it since the last meeting. Couple things I...that don't please me right now, obviously, I live about 500 feet from my front door. I stand at my front door and I look towards Councilman Carbone and 500 feet right there I will look at 20 some thousand cars a day come off that exit, okay. It doesn't please me. I thought about selling, I can't. I don't want to leave this town. I've been very involved. I've been an elected trustee for the Chamber of Commerce for the last nine years. I love this community, okay. I raised my boys here. The sad thing is, both my boys, 25 and 29 years old, just bought homes in the last two years. I couldn't convince either of them to stay in Strongsville. That's horrible. They said this is a business community. I can't raise a family here. This is a business community. That's coming from my kids. And Mayor I know you don't want that. We want to bring these people out of college. I did a survey of 15 families, of our friends, who are very involved in the City of Strongsville. There were 30 college graduates in the last, I think it was six or seven years, all that have bought homes. Only two bought in Strongsville. The one was for convenience because of babysitting from their parent's. So, I'm trying to find a solution here. This is...I was on the highway today. I get out there today and I was driving up and down the highway like an idiot, measuring. I'm sitting there measuring things, I probably should've gotten pulled over for my not paying attention to the road, but, something to think about here. When you get on the highway, heading south, now forget the north, I know you're going to widen the north. But picture getting on the highway south right now. You're on SR 82, you come pass the BP, you turn on and you're heading south. As your entering, you're merging into the traffic. Within 3/10 of a mile, you want to talk about accidents right now on the other side? Nobody has mentioned what's going to happen...people getting on the highway right now. When I'm getting on the highway to go out to my in-laws house out in Hinckley and some idiot is coming...flying...60, 70, 80 miles an hour, he's got to cut in to get off the Shurmer exit. Now you're taking...now you're not going...now you're not cutting in over here, people sitting still trying to edge in. Now you're taking a guy trying to go 60 to get on and a guy going 70 to trying to get off. I think you got a lot more tragic accidents to look forward to. That's...I really do and that's just throwing it out there and want the Engineers to look at. Another thing, I like the ideas. You know what, I bought my house 29 years ago, Penny Boyer when she bought- a realtor brought us in. She said they going to build a Boston exchange. We were all excited about it and that's when Mayor Ehrnfelt was on at that time, in discussions. Nothing every came out of it. At this point right now, you know, it's...we're going through Ehrnfelt's property. I mean, that's the Ehrnfelt property we're coming through and another thing that bothers me so much too, at the end of my street, if you look at pictures and the diagrams.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Lucchese (cont'd) - At the end of my street, where...you talk about beat up houses— that old blue house that was condemned and knocked down a couple years ago on Shurner that was one of the Ehrnfelt...that whole corner is a triple corner lot. That's owned by the Ehrnfelt's. Across the street where the gentleman used to have his garden and everything, and the house next to it, that's the Ehrnfelt's. Across the street when you come off the highway, that big lot that's next to where the exits going to be, is the Ehrnfelt's. They have three corners there. I understand how they feel about coming through their parent's property, but it's easy to get a property rezoned in Strongsville from residential to commercial, very easy, because the people on the other side of town never care. They just automatically vote it in. So, I do not want a gas station, a McDonald's. Talk about accidents now? What is Shurner going to look like with businesses on three corners of that highway exit right there? It's going to look disgusting. I don't want people coming and breaking in my house, running down the street and hopping in a car and hopping on the highway or whatever. Eventually, you know...you know eventually there going to want to turn around and put another entrance right there on Shurner onto the highway. Since you have the land, you might as well put another entrance there also. So, you know what, I'm just saying, can we, like Art said, and I didn't even talk to Art about this. Can we get together with the people of Brunswick? I've got a ton of friends in Brunswick. My brother lives in Brunswick. I've been telling all of them, go away, do not come in our city, we do not want you here, go to Route 303, okay? We don't want that because this really isn't about safety, it's about revenue. We got to turn people right, because I was told a year ago, there was going to be no right turn. Okay. I was told there was going to be no right turn coming off the highway...

Mayor Perciak – Hey Joe, you know I would love to sit down with anybody in Brunswick, but they come and go so much, I don't know who to sit down with. They've had four or five City Managers there in the last...since I've been here. We have tried. Even when we did the Pearl Road extension up to the top of the hill. We would have rather widened that entire intersection there. We couldn't even get them to do the initial studies, so that we could widen that road right through that intersection. Correct Mr. Mikula?

Mr. Lucchese – Why that intersection?

Mayor Perciak – I'm sorry.

Mr. Lucchese – Why that intersection? If you go further on Carpenter, there's all that land.

Mayor Perciak – But we're talking about...what I'm trying to say is, Pearl and Boston- we tried to work with them there and that's just within the last 24 months. So if there's somebody there that you can hook us up with, I'd be glad to meet with them. Somebody who has some authority that can make some commitments to us. We would be...I would do anything. I would drop what I'm doing. I would amend my schedule. I would take our engineers with us. I would meet with them. Even on a Sunday morning. I mean whatever.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – But they have got to be willing to meet with us and we have reached out to them. We have been in the City Manager's office, not once, not twice, not three times, several times- I'm just telling you Joe.

Mr. Lucchese – Do you remember who wrote the last resolution? Because this makes five exits now, Mayor, in a six mile stretch- five. Brunswick has one exit. Brook Park has one exit or next community, Middleburg Heights. We have five exits. We'll have five exits. Sorry, we don't want it. Five exits is way too much for a six mile stretch.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – I understand what you're saying and Marcy, you too from the other night. I listen very carefully to what you have to say. But what I am saying, everybody is telling me Brunswick, Brunswick, Brunswick and I can't make them do anything they don't want to do. If there's a dialogue. I understand what everybody has said here tonight. You don't want it. It's clear, but at the end of the day, if there's a dialogue to be had with them, we would love if...everybody says they have somebody; good, I want to know who it is. We'll be happy to sit down with them Joe, okay? Anything else, as far as Medina County is concerned. We'd be delighted to sit with them. We would work with them on anything we can just to improve Boston Road and the traffic flow and the horizons and the drainage ditches from Pearl to West 130th, anything we could. It isn't that we're not flexible; we're trying.

Mr. Lucchese – Everybody has been saying Boston for so many years. What about...my point is I drove up and down Carpenter. There are huge lots. Bigger than the Ehrnfelt's property where we could put a slip ramp. And you've got the people in Brunswick. Is it because we want them to come through Strongsville?

Mayor Perciak – No. I don't...Joe I don't have the answer for that because I am not an engineer. I can't even begin to answer that because I don't know how to.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Lucchese – Yea, well that's all. I mean, before you guys vote on anything, before we go and spend \$800,000.00, mean that's almost a million dollars. You know what, let's not take our community money and spend it on something that the people don't want. And those that live in the nicer developments, stuff like that, farther away because they can get home quicker. I'm sorry. Too bad. You know. We've got thousands of cars coming pass the front of our house. Nobody wants that. Thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Joe.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Is there anybody else who hasn't spoken? Please state your name and address for the record.

Michael Camburako, 16337 Lanier Avenue, Strongsville, OH: Of course. My name is Michael Camburako. I live on 16337 Lanier Avenue. Everybody in this room has made it perfectly clear that we are against this slip ramp for all of the reasons stated already. But what saddens me and what's disappointing is that for all the people that live on Howe Road and all those streets coming off of Howe Road, this is the representation? This is the best we could bring to bear, in this room? That's really sad. There are...it saddens me that in this country that we get excited because we had a 25% voter turnout. There are third world countries, where people risk their lives to go vote. They know that their putting their lives in jeopardy by voting and here we get excited about a 25% turnout. This is no different. This is a pathetic turnout. This room should be busting at the seams with people that are against this.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Southworth – Guys, if you could address Council.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Camburako – There...sure there's a lot of seniors but there are lots of people who are not seniors. This is a very young community. I've seen a lot of young people in this community and the turnout and the interest, the commitment. It's just not there. It's not there in this country and that's the sad truth.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Michael.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Mr. Baker you've already had your opportunity to speak. We will have another...

(Inaudible)

Mr. Southworth – Listen...

Mr. Baker – I just have a question and that's...

Mr. Southworth – Mr. Baker...

Mr. Baker (from the audience) – Pretty helpless when you think there is nothing that you can do about this development. I mean we feel helpless that there's nothing you guys can do about stopping the development in this community or controlling the development in this community. Yet you can control us if we try to build a garage. We have ordinances that allows, no you can't build this way or that way. Where is it the community development?

Mr. Southworth – Mr. Baker. You've already... Mr. Baker...

Mr. Baker – And we have over 200 signatures that don't like this.

(Banging of the gavel)

Mr. Southworth – You've already had your opportunity to discuss and address council. If there is anybody else who has not addressed council, please come and state your name and address for the record.

Don Costello, 16163 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: Hi, my name is Don Costello. I live at 16163 Shurmer Road. I'm three houses from Howe and I think everybody's pretty much in agreement. We don't think this is a good idea for the slip ramp. But I do agree with Art; I think we need to get together and look at what can we do. I'm sure there are solutions to this problem. I know there are solutions, multiple solutions; they just need to be looked at and they need to be looked at a little bit harder. If it takes some of the residents to get together and fit into one of Brunswick's Council meetings, we can do that too. Let them know that we have a concern on the way things are taking place and this is a benefit to them also. I think that if we work in positive direction towards a solution we can get somewhere. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you very much Mr. Costello. Is there anyone else that would like to address Council that has not.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Marcy Lucchese, 16336 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: Marcy Lucchese, 16336 Shurmer Road. Just two quick questions. Mr. Southworth, thank you for owning up that you took this off the agenda. Do you know when it will be back on the agenda?

Mr. Southworth – Possibly at the next meeting.

Mrs. Lucchese – Which is?

Mr. Southworth – Two weeks.

Ms. Pientka – May 16th.

Mr. Southworth – May 16th.

Mrs. Lucchese – The 16th and that's considered the third reading, is that correct?

Mr. Southworth – That would be the third reading.

Mrs. Lucchese – And it's public at this meeting?

Mr. Southworth – Right.

Mrs. Lucchese – The third one, okay. Thank you so much.

Mr. Southworth – No problem. Is there anybody else who has not addressed council that would like to come to the podium? Please state your name and address for the record please.

Rose McGuire, 16333 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: Hi, I'm Rose McGuire. 16333 Shurmer Road. Good evening Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Perciak – Hello Rose.

Ms. McGuire – Please excuse me, I'll talk to and address myself to Mr. Matt Schonhut, my councilman and also Ann Ehrnfelt's councilman, correct? Matt, could you please read aloud for us, the letter that the Ehrnfelt family sent.

Mr. Southworth – This is not Matt's time. This is your time.

Ms. McGuire – Okay. May I please ask...?

Mr. Schonhut – I would be happy to answer that question for you.

Ms. McGuire – Thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Excuse my voice, I'm a little under the weather today.

Ms. McGuire – Sorry, I didn't know.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Schonhut – I apologize for that. Give me one second. That stated, “I want to be clear on this. We’re not in favor of this. I know there is no one sitting here tonight that would be in favor of this ramp going into their own yard. You can vote the way you want and we can’t stop you, but I want the record clear, that we have not been a part of this process, are not okay with it and do not want it to destroy our parent’s property. Any characterization to contrary is simply untrue.

Ms. McGuire – Thank you Matt. Thanks for reading it aloud. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Is there anybody else who has not addressed council? Please state your name and address for the record.

Dennis Tewis, 16765 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Dennis Tewis. 16765 Howe Road. These people up here tell me that Brunswick hates this. They don’t want to talk to us. Well let’s fix this, they never talk to us. Let’s just block off the end of Howe Road and see what the hell happens.

(Applause)

Mr. Tewis – Thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Yea, I am surprised it took that long for that comment. You’re not the only one who shares that sediment. Is there anybody else who would like to address Council at this time?

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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.

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. 2016-087 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-093 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NOS. 1 AND 2 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHERRY STONE DRIVE DRAINAGE PROJECT, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. 2016-093 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-094 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY THE PLAT OF SIEDEL FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 5, 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. 2016-094 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-095 by Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO ACCEPT FOR DEDICATION CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN SIEDEL FARMS SUBDIVISION NO. 5, 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. Resolution No. 2016-095 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-096 Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2016 SUTPHEN EXTREME DUTY PUMPER WITH RELATED VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS AND APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE FIRE 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. 2016-096 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-097 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, PARMA LODGE #15 (CORRECTIONS OFFICERS) AND THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2016-098 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND MAKE PAYMENT FOR VARIOUS EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO A CITY STORM SEWER AND APPURTENANCES, ON POINT OVERLOOK DRIVE IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING; 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. 2016-098 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-099 by Mr. Short. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S RECREATION 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. 2016-099 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-100 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION TO THE PRIOR JUDGMENT ENTRY TO BE FILED IN COMMON PLEAS COURT CONCERNING THE PLAZA AT SOUTHPARK, 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. Resolution No. 2016-100 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-101 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.12 (HUNTING OR TRAPPING PROHIBITED) OF CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS OF PART SIX-GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO AUTHORIZE A NUISANCE ABATEMENT INITIATIVE FOR BOTH SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF THE WHITE-TAILED DEER POPULATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONTIGUOUS, ADJOINING, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS THAT OPT TO ADOPT A SIMILAR PLAN FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. Southworth

Mr. Southworth – Yes

Mr. Schonhut – I just wanted to take one minute to address Mrs. Hohenfeld's comments earlier about making Strongsville more green and how do we maybe direct the path that we are going. We do have a master plan here in town; unfortunately, it is very vague. It's something me and Mr. Carbone campaigned on when we first ran four and a half years ago and something that we have been working very hard at over that time to make a reality- the reality of having a more detailed master plan which we do not right now. It will steer you in the direction of having more green space and what kind of development are you going to have. Is that necessarily set in stone? No, but it definitely helps steer the city in a better direction than maybe where we are heading right now with our current master plan along with a lot of community involvement with getting to that point. We're looking forward to bringing that forward here in front of council in the very near future and hope that everybody will support that, thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Is there any other miscellaneous business?

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Southworth adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

May 16, 2016
Date of Approval