

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 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, July 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: Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel. Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, City Engineer Ken Mikula, 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 referred to the Law Director on Ordinance No. 2016-056. Mr. Jamison stated he was contacted by the applicant's attorney via e-mail; requesting the applicant's zoning application be amended from MS (motorist service) to CS (commercial service). An amendment by substitution will be announced on the floor and referred back to Planning Commission. A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date. Mr. Dooner asked why amend the legislation if it does not change the outcome of the vote. Mr. Jamison stated amending to commercial service expands on the potential use of the property. For example, if the carwash does not go through, the property could be used as an office building. Mr. Dooner stated no parking is available currently and asked how it could be turned into a building. Mr. Schonhut stated he is more comfortable with commercial services than motorist services. Mr. Southworth asked Mr. Schonhut if he would still be comfortable if the intended use remained a carwash. Mr. Schonhut stated he is not voting on whether or not it is a carwash, he is voting on the proposed zoning. Mr. Short confirmed the vote this evening would be on the amendment from MS to CS. Mr. Daymut advised a favorable recommendation for amending Ordinance No. 2016-056. Ordinance No. 2016-142 is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for improvements to the sanitary sewer system in connection with the sanitary sewer rehabilitation program for 2016. The contract is with Lake County Sewer Co., Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$324,076.00. Mr. Mikula provided all members present a breakdown on the program. Mr. Mikula stated the project will concentrate on the northern end of Pearl Road in Ward 3. The scope of the project includes cleaning, testing and sealing. Mayor Perciak stated the City has done extensive work over the past two years in Huntington Meadows subdivision. Mr. Dooner asked if the City provides the homeowners with the video recording of the lateral connection conditions. Mr. Mikula stated the City does not, but can if requested by the homeowner. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this ordinance. Mr. Daymut advised Ordinance No. 2016-143 is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the 2016 Courtland culvert replacement project. The contract is with Mark Haynes Construction, Inc., for a total amount not to exceed \$663,635.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2016-144; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Westwood Drive widening project. The contract is with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company, Inc., for a total amount not to exceed \$253,257.25. Mr. Daymut stated the project is being funded by TIF (tax incremental financing) funds and Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. DeMio asked to see the final outcome and Mr. Mikula provided him with an illustration. Mr. Daymut recommended suspension and adoption for both Ordinance No. 2016-145 and Resolution No. 2016-146. Ordinance No. 2016-145 is accepting for recording purposes only the plat of Pine Lakes Village Subdivision Phase 6-D. Resolution No. 2016-146 is accepting for dedication certain streets within Pine Lakes Subdivision Phase 6-D.

Finance Committee: Chairman Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-147. This is making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures of the City of Strongsville. Mr. Dooner referred to Mr. Dubovec to explain the changes in appropriations. Mr. Dubovec stated it is a \$20 million increase in appropriations. Over \$18 million was for the bond refunding the City completed in June. Mayor Perciak added it will be closing this Thursday, July 21st. Mr. Dubovec stated there was a transfer of \$700,000.00 from the General Fund to the Drainage Levy Fund for the Courtland culvert. Another \$700,000.00 was appropriated within the Drainage Levy Fund for the Walnut Creek drainage. Mr. Dooner asked what the savings was on the bonds. Mayor Perciak stated \$1,838,000.00.

Mr. DeMio stated the new sewer fee came out and asked what the increase in sewer fee does to the City's budget. Mr. Dubovec asked if he was referring to the added fee from Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Mr. DeMio confirmed. Mr. Dubovec stated the City can complete an application for funding from Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. The City can receive up to 25% of the \$5.00 per month fee by completing the application. Part of the application process is providing documentation on how the City plans to use the funds. Mr. DeMio added that the City is not guaranteed those funds and advised he has received numerous calls from residents about the increase in fees. He has explained to the residents not being able to assist with the fees until the resident receives the actual bill. Mr. DeMio explained one resident he spoke to understood the fee structure; however, the resident does not understand the fee for the shed located 250 feet in back. The resident explained to Mr. DeMio the water goes into the ground and not out to the street. Mr. Mikula stated individuals are charged a flat fee. Mayor Perciak stated the City has also been receiving calls from residents about the increase sewer fee. Mr. Mikula stated the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District does offer a credit program for residents to reduce the sewer fee.

Mr. Jamison stated the Law Department is currently drafting proposed legislation to regulate rain barrels, rain gardens and storm water storage devices. This legislation is to ensure the equipment is installed in the appropriate places. The Law Department has contacted several other communities regarding rain barrels. Mr. Jamison anticipates legislation will be brought before Council in September.

Building and Utilities Committee: Chairman Schonhut advised Ordinance 2016-148 is amending section 1480.02 of Title Eight of Part Fourteen. This is cleaning up a section of the City's Building and Housing Code eliminating an obsolete board of appeals, the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. Any duties related to this board have been passed onto the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Biondillo added as part of due process, residents need to have a means of appeal. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this ordinance.

Communications and Technology Committee: Chairman Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-149; an ordinance requesting participation in Ohio Department of Administrative Services Contracts for the replacement and lease of two upgraded copiers including accessories, for use by various departments. The contract is with American Copy Equipment, Inc. dba Ace Business Solutions. This is a 36-month lease. The total lease amount per month is \$342.58. The copiers will be used by the Department of Communication and Technology and the City's Mayor's Court.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2016-150. This is rejecting all bids submitted for the removal and replacement of the roof and all related items at Wastewater Treatment Plants "B" and "C" and the Westwood Lift Station building and authorizing the Mayor to re-advertise for bids. The City is going to seek out a roofing engineer to improve the City's bid specifications on the project. Mr. Southworth asked if new legislation would be brought before Council prior to going back out to bid. Mr. Jamison stated this legislation authorizes the City to go back out to bid, so no new legislation will be brought back before Council.

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Daymut stated the next meeting will be Monday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. The committee will recess in August.

Public Safety and Health Committee:

Motion made by Mr. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Dooner to approve the Public Safety and Health Committee meeting minutes of July 5, 2016. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Chairman DeMio advised Ordinance No. 2016-151 is authorizing the Mayor to accept financial assistance from the Ohio Department of Public Safety under the Ohio EMS Grant Program for the purchase of emergency medical equipment and/or training. The total grant amount is \$2,500.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this ordinance.

Mr. DeMio stated he received a letter from Edward F. Cleary, Attorney at Law regarding a neighbor dispute. Mr. DeMio stated he will add this to the Public Safety and Health Committee meeting agenda; proposing a neighborhood dispute system. Historically, the City has been receiving more complaints of this nature; however, the letter Mr. DeMio received is direct. Mayor Perciak added the Mayor's Office received the same letter in today's mail. Mayor Perciak stated he forwarded a copy of the letter to the City's Law Department. Mr. Jamison stated he requested the incident report regarding this matter from Chief Kobak. Mr. Dooner asked what the issue is. Mr. DeMio stated through several telephone calls with Mr. Cancelliere, the neighbors do not get along. Mr. DeMio added most of the telephone calls he receives are from one of the neighbors and not from the other. Chief Kobak stated the Police Department has met several times with both parties. Mr. DeMio is concerned about the officers' time being spent for this dispute. Mayor Perciak stated it has been ongoing for years. Mr. DeMio requested during Council recess, scheduling a meeting to discuss a neighbor dispute program. Mr. DeMio gave the letter to the Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel.

Mr. Carbone thanked Chief Kobak, Mr. Goss and Mr. Biondillo for resolving a dispute in his Ward that recently surfaced. Mr. Biondillo added he received a response regarding this matter and will forward a copy to Mr. Carbone.

Mr. Jamison advised there will be a conditional objection for the liquor permit: Pizza Hut of America LLC; dba: Pizza Hut.

Mr. DeMio asked about the progress at Architectural Justice Gallery & Café. Mayor Perciak stated it looks good. Mr. Southworth asked when it would open. Mr. Painter stated he met with them and they plan on opening sometime next year. Mr. Biondillo added they are making some nice building enhancements.

Mr. DeMio inquired about two older issues. The first was the repairs needed on Crystal Creek and Winding Trail. Mr. Walker stated it is scheduled for repair this year. Mr. DeMio stated the second issue is concerning the tennis court not maintained. The tennis court is on personal property, parallel to Lunn Road. Mr. DeMio stated the condition is getting worse and wanted to know if the property owner had any current violations with the Building Department or active court appeal. Mr. Biondillo stated he would check and contact Mr. DeMio with his findings.

Mr. Carbone expressed his reservations about the slip ramp. He believes there is a problem with traffic congestion and something needs to be done at the Howe Road and SR-82; however, he disagrees on it as the project. Mr. Carbone stated he is alarmed by the research he has conducted and is curious to see the results from the engineering study. Mr. Carbone stated he contacted NOACA (Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency) requesting they complete an engineering study at Boston Road. In a recent newspaper article read by Mr. Carbone, NOACA approved the appropriation of

funds to the City of Brunswick and Medina County to widen North Carpenter Road. Mr. Carbone also reached out to ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) but has not received a response.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Southworth called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Assistant Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-273.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Matthew A. Schonhut, Joseph C. DeMio, Michael J. Daymut, Duke Southworth, Kenneth M. Dooner, Gordon C. Short, and James E. Carbone. **Also Present:** Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Service Director Joe Walker, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 5, 2016 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Mayor Perciak – Yes Mr. President, Council members. This evening, I'm pleased to announce that I am going to administer the Oath of Office to David E. Sems to fulfill your confirmation from last Council meeting of the newly appointed Director of Communication and Technology, effective August 1st.

*****At this time, Mayor Perciak administered the Oath of Office to David E. Sems as Director of Communication and Technology. *****

(Applause)

Mr. Bedford – I'll just mention that David's father is here and also David's in-laws are here from Poland. So, thanks for coming.

Mr. Southworth – No other appointments, confirmations, awards or recognitions?

Mayor Perciak – No.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes, at the July 11th school board meeting, the board did the final approval for the renewal levy that will be on this fall. It's not new money. It's a renewal of an old levy. Also, they finalized the auction and it's going to be an open auction. It's going to be at a hotel where the auctioneer will auction off other property. There will be six weeks of advertising required to the auction and then if it doesn't sell at the auction...if there's a buyer out there that meets the minimum requirement that can do that. Lastly with the auction, they do have to do an explanation of use of what they'll be using the property for. This property is at Drake School on Albion Road. Also, we are not here the month of August, we're looking at September 2nd as the first home football game. We're already in the process of getting everything ready for our community tailgate. This will be the third year that we have it. Typically we get around 1,000 people...community members of all ages. It's a really neat event. If you guys have an opportunity. It's really different this year is the constructing of the middle school that will be done which will be exciting, but the tailgate at the high school...we always forget about the almost \$30 million of renovation at the high school. The carpet, the turf, at the high school is put down and that all should be done, the field lined out, Mustangs, the horse, everything done by the 1st of August. It's really an exciting time and most importantly when we get a report card like we did, and to see that our students are improving the way they are and we're competing among the best in the State. It's just a really good time to be a Strongsville Mustang. Hopefully you guys take some time out that first game, September 2nd. Come out and see what all the excitement is about. Thank you.

Mr. Southworth – If I may ask you a question?

Mr. Carbone – Sure.

Mr. Southworth – Regarding the sale of Drake Elementary. You mentioned that there is going to be an intent of use.

Mr. Carbone – Yes.

Mr. Southworth – How binding is that?

Mr. Carbone – Everything has to come to us. I mean the final would have to come to us.

Mr. Southworth – Okay.

Mr. Carbone – But they do want to know. They're trying to do their due diligence. They can reject any offer and they just want to know what they had in store for that property.

Mr. Southworth – Gotcha, okay.

Mr. Carbone – They want to make sure it's a good fit for the community. You know, I'm involved a lot with the school and especially with Cameron. One thing that is always repeated is, it seems like years ago, some bridges were knocked between the schools and the community. I think with this school board, Jane in the audience and with the administration there, one thing they're trying to do is build that bridge back up. I think they have been very successful and I think very positive and that they'll continue that. So they want to make sure that use is appropriate for them and they can accomplish what they want to accomplish but also for the residents that sit around that property.

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

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: We have a board meeting on Wednesday so I have nothing to report. I will have plenty to report at our first meeting in September. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

(None)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Southworth. Tonight we have Ordinance No. 2016-148. This is cleaning up a section of our Building and Housing code to eliminate what was formerly known as the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals, which is almost obsolete; it's going to pass those duties onto our Board of Zoning Appeals, which is very active. We're going to ask that we suspend and adopt that tonight. I'm going to move right into Communications and Technology. We have Ordinance No. 2016-149. This is for a lease agreement through American Copy Equipment for two new copiers for our Department of Communications and Technology and our Mayor's Court; 36-month lease, \$342.58 a month for both printers. I ask that we suspend and adopt that tonight. I will take any questions for either committees.

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

(None)

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:

* See Building and Utilities above *

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. Our next meeting will be next Monday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Also, I'd like to announce we recess for the month of August. That's all I have Mr. Southworth, thank you very much.

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

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Dooner: Thank you Mr. Southworth, we have Ordinance No. 2016-147. This is an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures of the City of Strongsville, Ohio for the year 2016 and repealing Ordinance No. 2016-103. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. That is all we have Mr. Southworth.

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

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, we have Ordinance No. 2016-056. This was a zoning change at 9200 Pearl from restaurant-recreation to motorist service. We received corresponds from the applicant today requesting that the request for zoning be changed to commercial service from motorist service. We need to amend the legislation appropriately this evening and refer it over to Planning. We also have Ordinance No. 2016-142 and that's to enter into a contract for improvements to our sanitary sewer system. Lake County Sewer was the low bidder, not to exceed \$342,076.00. That received favorable recommendation. Ordinance No. 2016-143 that is to enter into a contract for the Courtland culvert replacement. Mark Haynes Construction was the low bidder. It's not to exceed \$663,635.00.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut (cont'd): That received favorable recommendation. Ordinance No. 2016-144 and that's to enter into a contract for the Westwood Drive, out here, the widening project. Fabrizi Trucking was the low bidder. That project is not to exceed \$253,257.25. Usual we get any cents involved with these. That received favorable recommendation. Ordinance No. 2016-145; that is accepting for recording purposes only a plat of Pine Lakes Village Subdivision Phase 6-D. That received favorable recommendation and a companion Resolution No. 2016-146. That is the intent of Council to accept for dedication certain streets within Pine Lakes Subdivision Phase 6-D. That also received favorable recommendation. That is all I have this evening, Mr. Southworth. Thank you very much.

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

(None)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you, Council President Scho...I almost said Schonhut. See, because I was talking to him. Promoting you already, there Matt. Duke, I appreciate it. I want to thank you again for the committee that we did a few...two weeks ago. We accepted the minutes from that meeting today. So, it's a good start. We're going to do phase 2 of that outline, for lack of better term in a couple weeks after the recess. We also have on the agenda tonight, 2016-150 (Ordinance). To accept a grant for EMS for \$2,500.00. Which we'll gladly take. As I often say to the Mayor, another roll up. More money that we get that doesn't come out of our taxpayer's pockets. So that's very important. The other thing that I wanted to say tonight, for those of you that don't know, I've worked in the justice system since 1986, down at the courthouse. I feel it very necessary that I must say this, I also must share with you, that most of my career here, on Council has been chairing Public Safety. Mike Daymut is the other gentleman that helped me out when I first started with Public Safety. It's a very sad time for police officers and EMS officers. I work with them. Both sides almost equally because when you get a file, criminal wise, there is often an EMS officer, firefighter and police officers. I'm going to direct my statement to both Chiefs and former Chief. We have been blessed with the great forces we have. They've been very kind to people. They go out of their way. I feel that way about all officers that I deal with. Not often do I agree...or there are times I don't agree with some of them, but I gotta tell you something, I really am very sad when I walk downtown and see what I see. The media, sometimes portrays things that aren't accurate. Our officers in this town and our firefighters in this town have done an outstanding job. I'm not saying that because I work up here. It's because I see the files. I see what the prosecutors, the victims and the defendants say about this department. We are blessed, Mayor. Council, we are blessed. I'll go back to Mr. Fender years ago. He wrote more tickets and he had an award, I don't know what the award was, Charlie, you may remember the award. I remember you saying the most unique thing about, you might have been...I don't know if he was a patrolman at the time, the most unique thing about this award is, the people that were in the audience were ones that received tickets from him. He was so kind to them, that they thought he should be honored. That came out of your mouth, Chief Goss, at the time. Often times, that's what's going on with regular, hard working men and women of safety. I want to tip our hat to Jim Carbone. He works every day with children and folks in North Olmsted. He is a police officer and Jim, I want to tell you, they're more that love you guys. Chief, there's more people that love you guys. Chiefs, and Safety Director, please share that with the officers. I know I'm speaking over and over what everybody here has felt. The Mayor, is going to do some good things tomorrow...come downtown. I'm concerned about him. I'll say that. I'll say that in front of everybody. Say a special prayer for the Mayor who's going to help Strongsville in his own way. I know you don't like when I say that, Mayor, but it's true. I want you to be safe. You're going into the heart of the battle there...of the picketers and all the tough things. But there are more good people out there and more good officers...and Duke, I'm going to close it with that. I appreciate...and you especially...

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

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

Mr. Southworth – Oh...

Mr. DeMio – Forget....shame on me for not saying this. You're brother-in-law, who lost his life as a police officer for trying to do the right thing and just get the criminal, because he was convicted, he lost his life. I got to tell you, I know that wears on your wife, your father-in-law and your family...

Mr. Southworth – Oh it absolutely does.

Mr. DeMio – So I apologize for not bringing that up.

Mr. Southworth – Oh...I will just say, one of...if I can piggyback on this, one of the most heartwarming things I saw at our parade were all the people carrying things saying they support the Strongsville Police. I mean, we are lucky to have such great officers in a community that appreciates them. I've seen communities that do not appreciate them. These guys, they go in every day, they just want to get home to their family. That's it. That's what they're looking for. It's a sad state of affairs that we live in a society that do not appreciate the men in blue.

Mr. DeMio – I really believe that they're heroes...out there. I just want to end the committee, with your blessing.

Mr. Southworth – Absolutely.

Mr. DeMio – Also, with your blessing, I really think we should have a moment of silence for the officers that have been slaughtered, for any other term I can't think of right now, but if we could have a moment of silence, I'd appreciate it.

Mr. Southworth – Absolutely.

*** A moment of silence was observed. ***

Mr. DeMio – Thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Joe.

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: Yes, Resolution No. 2016-150. We went out to bid for the Westwood Lift Station building for replacing the roof. We are going to be rejecting all those bids. We're going to bring in a roof engineer to really fine tune our specifications for that project and then we're going to put the bids back out to get that job done. This resolution this evening is to regret the bids and then also give approval to move forward. So my recommendation here is to suspend and adopt.

Motion by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery and to ratify, note and approve the burial of James Yarosh in Section F, Lot #104, Grave 104. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Motion by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to ratify, note and approve the burial of Michael Eschmeyer in Section B, Lot #13, Grave H, based on the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to note and approve based on the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery in Section G, Lot #150, Grave A-C1 and A-C2. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Carbone – That ends my report.

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

(None)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Southworth, we have no ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda and we have no report this evening. I'll be happy to take any questions.

Mr. Southworth – If you don't mind, I wish to, wish all the playoff baseball teams good luck.

Mr. Schonhut – They're scoring the winning run right now, Duke.

Mr. Southworth – The Councilman Southworth team is beating the Mayor Perciak team nine, nothing in the 4th. I just got the update.

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – Who's the umpire Mayor?

Mr. Southworth – I'll tell you who the coach is, it's Colin. Colin coaches the nine year old team. He pretty much runs the show, so...good luck to all of them. I have players that I coach that are on Mayor Perciak team, so, it's a shame the season has to come to an end, but there is always fall baseball.

Mr. Carbone – Well, Duke I might see if Colin wants to coach my son.

Mr. Southworth – He's...

Mr. Carbone – First year of t-ball, he had the best hit of his life. He hit the ball and he ran right to the sidelines crying.

(Laughter)

Mr. Southworth – I remember, like Colin's first hit, he ran to third base. Okay, well we got to work on this a little bit, but, that is what practice is for. Are there any other questions for Mr. Short?

Mr. DeMio – Yes, we want to know who the umpire is.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Short (cont'd):

(Laughter)

Mr. Southworth – I guarantee Colin is disagreeing with the umpire even though they are winning too, so...

(None)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Southworth: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. Just a reminder, next month is our recess. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer.

(None)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President. Just a few quick items. A huge thank you goes out to the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce and all the volunteers again for a very, very successful Homecoming event here on The Commons the last four days. Truly, that event would not be possible without the leadership at the Chamber and without the volunteers. As you probably noticed when you were up there, I mean, there are...just like in the ice cream tent, there's over 40 volunteers just in that tent. We can just go right down...up and down the avenue there and see how many volunteers. We had hundreds of hundreds of volunteers there and we want to thank them for that. Also, I'd personally like to thank our Safety Director, Charlie Goss for providing for us a very, very safe Homecoming parade. Charlie's expertise and excellence in safety, again, was shown there on Wednesday evening. The parade went off without a hitch, so, Safety Director Goss, thank you. We all thank you for bringing that to us successful conclusion. We appreciate your efforts. Lastly, the Chamber of Commerce is going to be celebrating their...they are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year. They're going to have a day of appreciation only for Strongsville's residents on The Commons, on August 20th, that's a Saturday, August 20th. They're going to have the dunk tank and some hot dogs and some refreshments and things and just an old fashion get together for community members. If you want to mark that down, that's going to be for...on Saturday, August 20th. I think from 11:00 to 3:00, right Charlie? It's going to be on The Commons for our residents. We want to thank the Chamber of Commerce for all they do for our community and for all they continue to do for our community. That ends my report.

Mr. Carbone – I do have to make a comment though...

Mayor Perciak – Alright.

Mr. Carbone – The Mayor worked the Italian sausage stand and I swear all weekend he talked with his hands. So I'm surprised...

(Laughter)

Mayor Perciak – Next year you're going to help me. I also lost my voice.

Mr. Carbone – It was a very good event and really, Charlie, Chief...my neighborhood, there's 60 young kids. Nobody of teenage age yet...amongst 20 some homes.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone (cont'd) – One thing that was common, people felt comfortable with their kids being up there. So, it was pretty impressive. Especially with the number of people that we had. The number of nights that we had, so, again, kudos. I know I might sound a little bias because I'm a policeman, but, I too...are very proud of the Strongsville Police Department.

Mr. DeMio – Mayor, as we talked the other...earlier today, you know the fireworks...we were coming in from out of town and right at the perfect time to see the fireworks. I just want to tell you they were awesome. They really were.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you.

Mr. DeMio – I do want to thank you and Jim Carbone because they broke through to my daughter and got her to work a stand and she doesn't want to talk to Mr. Schonhut because he wanted her to do 20 hours at one of the stands, but every little bit...she worked I think, I don't know Jim, what four or five hours? Whatever...

Mr. Carbone – Six hours.

Mr. DeMio – Whatever you gave her. I appreciate it. I think that's important and the important thing she was excited to do. So, thank you. I appreciate it.

Mayor Perciak – To both Chiefs, thanks for a safe Saturday night with all the fireworks. I mean we really had a massive crowd, just all around The Commons and surrounding parking lots and everywhere else. Jim, thank you. Chief Kobak. Chief Draves. Everything. Charlie, again, thanks to all of you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Mayor.

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

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Dubovec.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: Thank you Mr. Chairman. All the ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That concludes my report.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Southworth – We have come to that part of our meeting for audience participation. Anyone is permitted to address Council. There is a five minute time limit. We do have a sign-in sheet, we only ask that when you come to the podium, you state your name and address. The first person to sign in is Joann Talpas.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Joann Talpas, 18492 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: Hi, as you've said, my name is Joann Talpas. I live at 18492 Shurmer Road. I'm here with almost my entire family. So I am going to speak on behalf of them to, I guess express our vehement opposition to the slip ramp proposed at the end of our street. For all of the reasons and then some that have been previously stated. I won't reiterate them at this time. I do have one particular comment and that is, I would really like someone to be able to answer whether there is a red light to this project. I know I have been assured on multiple times that it's just a study. But anybody you manages their family's finances or in this case our City's, would not just seek to do a project and not move forward with it. So, the expenditure for doing this study seems to only address one remedy to the study and not really anything else. So, as a fiscally responsible consumer and resident of Strongsville, I wouldn't pay somebody to come to my house, for instance, to provide me with a roof estimate if I wasn't going to be able to go through with the project. Secondly, this has just been bugging me, I have to believe that those in Council who have voted for this project, if you yourself or any of your children or anybody directly related to you lived in that area, lived in my neighborhood, lived in my house, I think you might have been persuaded to vote differently. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mrs. Talpas. Marcy Lucchese.

Marcy Lucchese, 16336 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: Marcy Lucchese, L-U-C-C-H-E-S-E, 16336 Shurmer Road. I am not a politician. I do not know how deals are made, but I do not want an exit ramp in my neighborhood. My free time is also precious to me. I, along with my husband, donated over 45 hours to the Strongsville Homecoming. Mayor, you were there. Mr. Schonhut. Mr. Carbone. Everyone working, hours and hours. Doing hard physical work, but it was our choice. My husband and I, you three members that I saw at the fair, it was your choice to donate that time, but I am also donating my time, my free time, attending Council meetings because I've lost faith in my local government. That you're not doing what you can to protect my neighborhood. So again, I'm not politician, but I will spend my free time contacting ODOT, signing petitions, putting signs in my yard and doing whatever is necessary to protect my neighborhood. That's all I have to say for now gentlemen. Enjoy your break. My neighbors and I, we're not going to go away. We will be here at the next Council meeting. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Marcy. That is the end of our sign-in sheet. If there's anybody else who would like to address Council? John, you know the drill.

John Hasko, 14515 Drake Road, Strongsville, OH: John Hasko, 14515 Drake Road. Mayor, did we get that new traffic speed machine? To recording the speed of cars going by? We had a new one coming, did we get it in?

Chief Kobak – That is actually supposed to be delivered tomorrow.

Mr. Hasko – Alright, now, my question is, every time I ask you for extra cars...going up and down the area like everybody else here does, all over the City. Sometimes you respond to me that maybe the cars have to be someplace else, doing something else and how much it cost for a car. For an officer. Just to have him park over there for two or three hours. I think this whole Council should really look deep at the millions of dollars that this City spends on other things. Let's pull together and get the money for three more of those units, so we have one for each ward. That's what...you ask the Chief, if we don't need them. You know we need them. That will deter a lot of people from speeding.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Hasko (cont'd) – You won't have to have police car, a motorcycle, just those machines will deter a lot of speeding. It will help the Police Chief decide where motorcycles and police cars should be. Thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you John. Is there anybody else who would like to address Council at this time?

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2016-056 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 9200 PEARL ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM R-RS (RESTAURANT-RECREATIONAL SERVICES) CLASSIFICATION TO MS (MOTORIST SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION (PPN 395-03-006), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 03-07-16. Tabled by Planning Commission 03-10-16. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 03-31-16. Second reading 04-04-16. Public Hearing 05-16-16.*

Motion by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio, to amend the verbiage in Ordinance No. 2016-056 in the Title Section from MS (motorist service) to CS (commercial service) and in Section 1 from MS (motorist service) to CS (commercial service). All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Referred back to Planning Commission for recommendation.

Ordinance No. 2016-142 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR 2016, 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. 2016-142 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-143 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2016 COURTLAND CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2016-143 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-144 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE WESTWOOD DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT, 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. 2016-144 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-145 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY THE PLAT OF PINE LAKES VILLAGE SUBDIVISION PHASE 6-D, 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. 2016-145 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-146 by Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO ACCEPT FOR DEDICATION CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN PINE LAKES VILLAGE SUBDIVISION PHASE 6-D, 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. 2016-146 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-147 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2016 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-103.

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. 2016-147 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-148 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1480.02 OF TITLE EIGHT OF PART FOURTEEN, BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2016-148 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-149 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND LEASE OF TWO UPGRADED COPIERS INCLUDING ACCESSORIES, FOR USE BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2016-149 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-150 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AND ALL RELATED ITEMS AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS "B" AND "C" AND THE WESTWOOD LIFT STATION BUILDING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SAME; 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. 2016-150 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-151 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UNDER THE OHIO EMS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR TRAINING, 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. 2016-151 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

*Application for Permit: **STCK-D1-D2**: To: Pizza Hut of America LLC; **DBA: Pizza Hut, 14089 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136** (Responses must be postmarked no later than 8/08/2016).*

***** 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. *****

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Southworth adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Signature on File
Tiffany Mekeel, CMC
Assistant Clerk of Council

September 6, 2016
Date of Approval