

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, December 5, 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, December 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Absent: Councilman Kenneth M. Dooner.

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

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

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Daymut advised Ordinance No. 2016-225 is a rezoning ordinance for property located at 21487 Royalton Road (PPNs 393-03-007 and 393-03-008). This is to change the zoning classification from GI (General Industrial) to GB (General Business). This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission. Mr. Schonhut advised he would like the property in the back, which is not being rezoned, to remain General Industrial. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2016-226. This is an ordinance approving and authorizing the filing of an application for transportation for livable communities initiative implementation grant funding assistance with the Northeast Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) in connection with the Town Center District Improvements Project. The city will be applying for \$188,000.00, and the city will match \$136,000.00.

Recreation and Community Services: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2016-227; an ordinance approving new rates for the rental facilities at the recreation and senior center, and Old Town Hall. Mayor Perciak advised these rates have not been addressed since 1998. Resolution No. 2016-228 is to advertise for bids for the renovation of four locker rooms at the recreation and senior center. The renovations will take place early next year. Mr. Bogre advised these will be phenolic lockers due to withstand elemental issues of the pool area. Mr. Biondillo advised this bid will also create a lobby between the pool and the locker rooms to better control the environmental issues.

Finance Committee: Mr. Southworth advised Resolution No. 2016-229 will be to establish a fund known as the Health Insurance Reserve Fund, No. 661. This will be placed on first reading. Ordinance No. 2016-230 is to enter into a contract for a comprehensive health benefits plan for city employees for the year 2017. This will also be placed on first reading. Mayor Perciak advised our health insurance premium will be flat for 2017. This will allow the city the opportunity to examine some different avenues as to how to provide health insurance to employees. The city will remain with Medical Mutual. Because 2017 will be a flat (no increase) year, now is the time to address this. The reason this is flat is due to employee participation in the wellness programs and the biometric screenings. The city will be self-insured, but there will be stopgaps in there that will provide coverage to the city for any catastrophic event that may occur. This fund will be the contingency fund for that purpose. The Mayor will be having a meeting tomorrow with employees to advise them their premiums and benefits will remain unchanged.

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Daymut advised he will give a report of the meeting held on November 28th on the floor. There will be no committee meeting in December.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. DeMio asked when the construction by the I-71 ramps would be completed. Mayor Perciak advised the contractor will notify us when it will be completed. Mr. DeMio asked the Mayor to have the safety department and engineers go over there and take a look at that area and the way they have the lanes set up. Cars are speeding up and cutting other cars off in order to merge onto the highway.

Mr. Southworth noted there will be a conditional objection to the liquor permit for Samurai Sushi & Steakhouse. Mr. Carbone noted he will have a motion for burial rights in his committee report.

President Southworth noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the Council Office. Also present from the Administration: Steve Kilo. It was so moved by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Schonhut 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 7:47 p.m. The executive session concluded at 8:02 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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, Gordon C. Short, and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka.
Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Communications and Technology Director David Sems, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joe Walker, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Absent: Councilman Kenneth M. Dooner.

Motion by Mr. Daymut, seconded by Mr. DeMio to excuse Councilman Ken Dooner for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

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

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Thank you Mr. Southworth, there has not been a school board meeting since our last scheduled council meeting. They are rapping up the media center at the high school. It should be ready the first of the year, probably middle of January at the high school that will allow the students to be able to get in there. Also, I just want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas. I wanted to...that came from some school board members. Looking back at the year review, I'm very proud of what our schools were able to accomplish and it's pretty exciting times; not only in the city, but exciting times with our schools also. I just want to compliment them, the administration and the board, for a job well done in 2016. That ends my report.

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

(None)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: We did have a board meeting last week, a joint report meeting with the health system and the health center. We approved the budget for next year for the hospital and also approved the strategic plan updates. Southwest is doing well, but the health system in the country is facing uncertainty because of the pending change in the administration and philosophy; so much like everything else, city government, healthy system, everything is up in the air. Let's see how everything turns out in preparing for all outcomes. That is all that I have for Southwest. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

(None)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, I have nothing to report for either committee, but I will happily take any questions.

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. I will give a brief report on our meeting of Monday, November 28th. We're in the process of planning our next breakfast meeting. It is starting to come together. We received a tech committee report from Ed Oliveros. We did discuss First Energy and we know what is happening with NOPEC there and having a new supplier. We reviewed our Business Expo of November 10th. I'd like to thank everyone that was involved with that most successful expo that we've had-The Chamber and The Rotary Club and, of course, our special resident here in town-Bill Wills, for moderating that. We discussed Ordinance No. 2016-178 and Ordinance No. 2016-179. That did receive an unfavorable recommendation. We discussed meeting with a County of Economic Development representative. We're planning a tour for the Polaris facility sometime in the spring. We discussed several goals we'll have for 2017. We received a report for the Strongsville business update. I'd like to also announce that there is no meeting in December; we are in recess. That's all I have Mr. Southworth, thank you very much.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut:

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

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Dooner:

Mr. Southworth – I'll give the report for Mr. Dooner. There is Ordinance No. 2016-230 and Resolution No. 2016-229, both involving our health insurance. We are placing both of these pieces of legislation on first reading. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Southworth, we have Ordinance No. 2016-225 on this evening's agenda. It's to change the zoning at 21487 Royalton Road from General Industrial to General Business. I recommend that we place that on first reading and refer to Planning Commission. Also, Ordinance No. 2016-226; that's to file an application with NOACA for funding for the Town Center District. I would ask that we give that favorable recommendation this evening. That's all I have 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: There are no resolutions or ordinances before this body, this committee today. I do want to thank Mr. Duke Evans for showing up today from the school board. I do appreciate, Mayor, your safety group taking a second look at that entrance to I-71. I do appreciate the time and understanding about that. That's all I have.

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

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: I have no ordinances or resolutions this evening.

Motion by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section F, Lot# 105, Graves D and F. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Southworth, we have one ordinance tonight, Ordinance No. 2016-227 to approve the new rates for rental at the Ehrnfelt Recreation and senior center and also Strongsville Old Town Hall. Also, Resolution No. 2016-228 which is authorizing the Mayor and the administration to advertise for bids for the renovation of the four locker rooms to take place early next year at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center. I have no other report; that concludes my report.

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

(None)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Southworth: There are no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. 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:

(No report)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:

Mr. Jamison – I'll speak for Mr. Dubovec who is still out recovering from his surgery. Funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding. That ends his report.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: Thank you, all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. Nothing else, thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Southworth – We have reached that portion of our meeting for audience participation. Any member of the audience is more than welcome to come and address council for five minutes. We simply ask that you state your name and address for the record. We do have a sign-in sheet, Ms. Karen Williams.

Karen Williams, 10295 Rosalee Lane, Strongsville, OH: Hi, I am Karen Williams, 10295 Rosalee Lane. I'm calling about the property that's undeveloped next door to me. It's owned by the Lipovitzes.

At this time, Ms. Williams gave the Clerk of Council pictures of the property in question to show members of council and the administration. Pictures were then given to Mr. Tony Biondillo.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Williams- That first one, there is the picture of our home which we built three years ago. The second one they have hand painted the stop sign at the end of the street which they did replace with some caution signs that are set very high up. There's another picture of one street over that is set very tastefully. That's a minor thing, but the property has two beat up trailers. I know that they are allowed to have one trailer that they use, but they don't use either; neither are working. The one trailer has never been open since I've moved there. It's got painting all over it; it's a mess. All of their old construction, there's just a lot of beat up trash back there and I just want to find out how to get it cleaned up.

Mayor Perciak – Mr. Biondillo is right here, our Building Commissioner. Raise your hand Tony. He is the gentleman who will go out there tomorrow personally and see what is going on there and he will report back to you.

Ms. Williams - Okay, there's also...one of the pictures shows a hole on the property. It's right by the guardrail and it's big enough...it's a pipe. I put rocks on top of it so nothing could fall in it, but an animal or something could...it's a big hole.

Mr. Biondillo – I did have a conversation with the developer, Mr. Lipovitz. He has agreed to move all of those trailers back further into the undeveloped portion. I'll get with him again tomorrow and get an exact date when that will be done.

Ms. Williams – He did move them, but it's right there. I can see everything from my driveway. There's another woman that's lived there for twenty something years and she opens her bedroom windows and the trailer...its garbage and they're not using them. You can see them from the street very clearly.

Mr. Biondillo – Okay, I'll go out there tomorrow and talk to Joe again.

Ms. Williams – All right

Mr. Biondillo – Okay

Ms. Williams – Thank you.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you very much Ms. Williams. That's the end of our sign-in sheet. If there is anybody else who would like to come in and address council you are more than welcome.

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2016-225 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 21487 ROYALTON ROAD (PORTIONS OF PPNs 393-03-007 AND 393-03-008) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM GI (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) CLASSIFICATION TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-226 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Daymut 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. Daymut, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2016-226 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2016-227 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Short. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING NEW RATES FOR THE RENTAL OF FACILITIES AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTER, AND CITY OF STRONGSVILLE OLD TOWN HALL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Daymut 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. Daymut, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2016-227 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2016-228 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Short. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF FOUR LOCKER ROOMS AT THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Daymut 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. Daymut, second by Mr. DeMio.

**Roll Call: Ayes: DeMio, Daymut, Southworth, Short, Carbone.
Nays: Schonhut Motion carries. Resolution No. 2016-228 ADOPTED.**

Resolution No. 2016-229 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Dooner. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE HEALTH INSURANCE RESERVE FUND, NO. 661.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2016-230 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2017, WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

*Application for Permit: **STOCK D5 D6: To: A1 Samurai Inc. DBA: Samurai Sushi & Steakhouse**, 16670 Royalton Road Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 12/12/2016).*

***** Motion by Mr. Daymut, 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:

Mr. Southworth – Is there any other miscellaneous business?

(No comment)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Southworth adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

Date of Approval