

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2017.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Tuesday, January 17, 2017 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, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Service Director Joe Walker, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Council President Dooner 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 was referred to Planning Commission and received an unfavorable recommendation. Per discussion with the applicant, it was decided this was not the best way to handle this issue; therefore, Ordinance No. 2017-001 was introduced instead. Ordinance No. 2017-001 is to amend Section 1262.04 of Chapter 1262 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances regarding certain main uses in the General Industrial (GI) district. This received a favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission. Both will be placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on March 6th. Mr. Dooner advised the developer has requested that council vote on the legislation the same night as the public hearing. Pending the outcome of the public hearing and council opinion, consideration will be given to do that. Mr. Daymut also advised the public hearing has to be scheduled for March 6th due to The Post's deadline for placing ads in the newspaper. Ordinance No. 2017-005 is authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant of easement for storm water system purposes from FC Ladue Reserve, LLC, in connection with the Walnut Drive detention basin project. This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission for review. Mr. DeMio asked if this pertained to the city's master plan for the drainage issues. Mayor Perciak advised it is part of that. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-006. This is an ordinance accepting for dedication to public use certain lands within the Pine Lake Subdivision, Phase 6-D.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-007; authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District under the 2017 Community Recycling Awareness Grant Program.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-008; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amendment to the agreement for public safety dispatch services between the City of Strongsville and the City of Olmsted Falls in connection with an adjustment to fees; commencing January 1, 2017. The annual amount will be \$242,000.00. Ordinance No. 2017-009 is authorizing the Mayor to approve change order No. 16 with Seitz Builders, Inc., in connection with the renovation and mechanical upgrades at Fire Station No. 3. The change order was in the amount of \$639.63. Mayor Perciak advised they are still under budget for these renovations. Chief Draves stated they have received the final okay with the electrical issues and will be able to move back in by tomorrow or Thursday. Mr. Biondillo added that included in these renovations was a generator that could back up the facility 100%. All fire stations have these generators now.

Public Safety and Health Committee (cont'd): Mr. DeMio questioned the Pearl Road/Royalton Road intersection, pertaining the light cycles and use of the turning lanes. Mr. Mikula advised the signal is set up where both left turn lanes happen at the same time. If both areas had two turning lanes at the same time, the vehicles in the inner lanes from each direction would be hitting the other. Mr. DeMio asked if the timing of the lights could be changed. Mr. Mikula advised there is an application with NOACA right now to make some improvements to that intersection.

Communications and Technology Committee: Chairman Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-010. This is a contract with American Copy Equipment, Inc. dba: Ace Business Solutions for the replacement and lease of one upgraded copier for use at the recreation and senior center. This is a thirty-six month lease agreement/\$433.24 per month.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut stated there will be an upcoming meeting scheduled for Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center. There will also be a new sub-committee created pertaining the mall retail.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Dooner advised Ordinance No. 2017-011 is authorizing the Mayor to exercise the option to renew the lease agreement between the city and the chamber of commerce for property located at 18829 Royalton Road. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation. Mr. Jamison stated the current lease expired December 31st of last year. That lease provided for the option for the city to renew it for one year within thirty days of expiration. Mr. Jamison wanted to make sure there was no gap in the lease period and is in talks with the chamber to extend the lease for five more years.

President Dooner noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose to discuss legal matters pertaining to the acquisition of real estate property. It was so moved by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Daymut 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 7:43 p.m. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Perciak, Neil Jamison, Ken Mikula and Joe Walker. The executive session concluded at 7:57 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2017 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Dooner called the meeting to order at 8:00 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: 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, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Service Director Joe Walker, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 3, 2017 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President, it is my honor and privilege to administer the Oath of Office to our newly-appointed Police Chief, Mark Fender, this evening, our newly-appointed Deputy Chief of Police, John T. Janowski, also known as Jay, the administration of the Oath to our newly-appointed Police Lieutenant, Michael J. Campbell, the administration of the Oath to Police Lieutenant Thomas J. O'Deens, the administration of the Oath to the newly-appointed Sergeant, Shamus P. Kelley, the administration of the Oath to the newly-appointed Police Sergeant, Steven A. Piorkowski, and the administration of the Oath to the newly-appointed Sergeant, Marcello Marsala. We also this evening would be administering the Oath of Office to the newly-appointed Police Lieutenant, Patrick M. Russo; I administered that Oath to him in my office. He is unable to be with us this evening because of a prior family commitment. Mr. President, with your permission, I'd like to proceed.

Mr. Dooner – Be my guest Mayor.

Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Chief of Police, Mark Fender.

Mr. Goss - Mark Fender is a twenty-eight year veteran of the Strongsville Police Department. During his career he has spent time in each rank within the agency. He has also had experience in each facet of the operation, either as a street-level operator or a supervisor. This experience includes time as a beat officer, traffic unit officer, first-line supervisor, detective bureau supervisor, middle manager, executive officer, and as a supervisor of all support services. He also served for eight years as a member of the Southwest Enforcement Bureau SWAT team; initially as an entry team officer, and later as a team leader. He is recognized as one of the areas foremost authorities on prepared response to active threats, and has provided instruction to dozens of groups including businesses, schools and churches. Mark has attended more than 4200 hours of in-service training, most notably his graduation from the 206th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2011, graduation from the Northwestern University Supervision of Police Personnel Program and the Police Executive Leadership College at the Ohio State University. He is a certified instructor in a variety of areas including fitness and physical performance standards, firearms, first aid, less-lethal use of force, and the basic police academy. Mark has provided training both within and outside the agency, and is a staff member at an area Basic Police Academy.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont'd):

Mr. Goss - Mark has achieved a number of accomplishments throughout his career. These include the development of a fitness assessment standard for the hiring of police cadets, and the development of a quicker method of rapid deployment and response to active threats. Mark is involved in helping others through his church and has served on trips to Thailand, Mexico, and the Appalachians in West Virginia as well as local programs in the greater Cleveland area. Tonight Mark is joined by his wife Ilona, children - Carrie, Joshua, Hannah and granddaughter Adaliana. Mark's wife will be pinning the badge tonight.

(Applause)

****At this time, Mayor Perciak performed the Ceremonial Oath of Office to Mark Fender as Chief of Police.****

(Applause)

Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Deputy Chief of Police, John T. Janowski.

Mr. Goss - John Janowski has served 20 years with the Strongsville Police Department. As a member of the Department, John has served in the Patrol Division and was a shift supervisor. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2005 and Lieutenant in 2008. For the last eight years, John has been in charge of the Detective Bureau. He is currently a member of the Southwest Enforcement Bureau, as a Hazardous Device Technician on the Bomb Squad, having graduated from The U.S. Department of Justice/Federal Bureau of Investigation U.S. Army Ordnance Munitions & Electronics Maintenance School at the Redstone Arsenal Huntsville Alabama. John is also a graduate of: Cornell College with a Bachelor Degree, Cleveland Marshall College of Law with a juris doctorate, the 90th session of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy, The Law Enforcement Foundation's Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP). He is married to Barbie and is father to John and Erin. John's son John will pin the badge and his daughter Erin will hold the bible.

****At this time, Mayor Perciak performed the Ceremonial Oath of Office to John T. Janowski as Deputy Chief of Police.****

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – I was just joking with Jay, was it easier take the Oath tonight as the Deputy Chief of Police or when he passed the Bar and officially became a lawyer, so I was joking with him. Jay is one of the first that we have that has also passed the Bar and can practice law if he so chooses.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont'd):

**Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Police Lieutenant,
Michael J. Campbell.**

Mr. Goss - Mike Campbell attended Kent State University and graduated with honors majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology in 2002. Later that year he graduated from the 108th class of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. Mike Campbell has served 14 years with the Strongsville Police Department. As a member of the department, Mike has served in the patrol division and in the Traffic Unit. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2012. He is also a graduate of the Supervisor Training and Education Program through the Law Enforcement Foundation of Ohio. Currently Mike serves as a supervisor on night shift. Mike is married to Nikki and they have 2 daughters, Bridget and Kelly. Nikki will be pinning his badge tonight.

****At this time, Mayor Perciak performed the Ceremonial Oath of Office to Michael J. Campbell as Police Lieutenant.****

(Applause)

**Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Police Lieutenant,
Thomas J. O'Deens.**

Mr. Goss - Tom O'Deens has served on the Strongsville Police Department for 21 years. Tom has served in the Patrol Division and the Detective Bureau. Tom was promoted to Sergeant in 2008. Tom graduated from Cleveland Benedictine and received a Bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University. Tom is a graduate of the Ohio State Highway patrol Academy, and has received more than 750 hours of advanced in-service training in a variety of topics including certification as an advanced criminal investigator by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. Tom is married to Lisa and has four children: Colin, Shane, Lauren and Kristin. Lisa will be pinning Tom's badge.

****At this time, Mayor Perciak performed the Ceremonial Oath of Office to Thomas J. O'Deens as Police Lieutenant.****

(Applause)

Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Police Sergeant, Shamus P. Kelley.

Shamus grew up on the west side of Cleveland and graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1995. He went on to the University of Toledo where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1999. Shamus was appointed as a Strongsville police officer on March 2nd, 2001 and graduated from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academies 104th basic training class. Shamus has spent his entire career in the patrol division. From 2006-2016, he was assigned to the K-9 Unit, with his German Shephard partner "Ackle". Shamus is also a certified D.A.R.E. Officer and teaches the 6th and 8th grade D.A.R.E. curriculum to the students at St. Joseph and John School. Shamus has been the recipient of four departmental awards. In 2001, he received The Quality Service Award for giving CPR to a man in cardiac arrest. In 2011, Shamus and his K-9 partner "Ackle" received The Blue Collar Award for assisting The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force with drug interdiction investigations on Interstate 71. In 2013, Shamus received a second Blue Collar Award when he partnered with Officer Curtis Fields where he solved a string of burglaries.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont'd):

Mr. Goss (cont'd) - In 2015, Shamus received The Professionalism Award while working with Officer Zaki Hazou and our Firemedics and the team saved the life of a man being crushed under a vehicle. Shamus has also received commendations from Fire Chief Jack Draves for administering the antidote Narcan to unconscious persons that had overdosed on heroin. Shamus lives in Strongsville with his wife Meghan and their two boys- Shamus, Jr. and Murphy. Holding The Bible for his swearing in will be his grandparents, Vince and Dolly. His wife Meghan will be pinning on his badge.

****At this time, Mayor Perciak performed the Oath of Office to Shamus P. Kelley as Police Sergeant.****

(Applause)

Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Police Sergeant, Steven A. Piorkowski.

Mr. Goss - Steve Piorkowski has served 20 years with the Strongsville Police Department holding various positions within the agency. He worked as a patrol officer for 4 years before being assigned to the K9 unit with his partner, Tammy. Together, Steve and Tammy served the City of Strongsville for nearly 11 years. During that time, Steve became a K9 evaluator with the State of Ohio, approving other K9 teams for certification. After his time in the K9 unit, Steve joined the Detective Bureau working as a Juvenile Detective. He is also a Union Representative and has served as a Contract Negotiator for over 12 years. Steve attended Brecksville - Broadview Heights High school and the University of Toledo where he majored in Psychology. When not at work, Steve enjoys working with teenagers as a high school basketball coach. Steve has been married to his wife, Amy, for 20 years. Together they have two beautiful girls Madeline and Emma. Amy will pinning his badge tonight.

****At this time, Mayor Perciak performed the Oath of Office to Steven A. Piorkowski as Police Sergeant.****

(Applause)

Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Police Sergeant, Marcello Marsala.

Mr. Goss - Marcello has served with the Strongsville Police Department since 2001. After eight years in the patrol division Marcello was assigned to the detective bureau in 2009. While in the detective bureau he specialized in crimes against children and sex related crimes. In 2010 Marcello was assigned to the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SWAT) where he currently serves as an entry team operator. Marcello has also been very active with the F.O.P. 15's Shop with a Cop program since its inception and currently serves as co-chair of the program. Through all of his career Marcello has been committed to his family, his wife Angela and their three children Mia, Dominic, and Giuliana. Marcello is looking forward to continuing his service to the residents of the City of Strongsville as a sergeant with the police department. His son, Dominic, will be pinning his badge on him this evening accompanied by his sisters, Mia & Giuliana.

****At this time, Mayor Perciak performed the Oath of Office to Marcello Marsala as Police Sergeant.****

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont'd):

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – I just want to make a comment. I want to thank all the families for being here to support our men as they continue on in their professional journey here in the City of Strongsville. As I indicated to some of the men and their spouses and families earlier, I can't begin to tell you how proud I am that we, the City of Strongsville, are so fortunate to have so many talented men on our police department. As our safety director Charles Goss read their resumes, you can see that the men come from a variety of backgrounds, a variety of educations and truly, this is exactly the type of individual we need on the street here in the City of Strongsville keeping all of our residents safe and all of our business communities safe. To each and every one of you, thank you for being a part of this evening, thank you for supporting our police officers and their endeavors here in our community. Before I wind up, I just want to say welcome back Jimmy Kobak. It took you twelve days, but your back; so we're happy to see you.

Mr. Dooner – Mayor, did you forget anyone?

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President that concludes it.

At this time, the officers and their families, including Chief Fender, were excused from the rest of the meeting.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Thank you Mr. Dooner, at the January 5th school board meeting, the board appointed Carl Naso as President, Richard Micko as Vice President, and those are one year terms. Also, for committee assignments, Jane Ludwig is with us again this year. Also, I wanted to talk about a 2012 graduate that's kind of close to my heart; that's my nephew. He graduated at twenty-three and got introduced to the Secret Service last Friday in Washington D.C. We're proud of him.

Mr. DeMio – What's his name?

Mr. Carbone – Anthony Mauer. We were pretty proud of him as a family. We drove up there, but had to drive back right away but it was well worth it. I wish we could have spent a longer time with him. That ends my committee Mr. Dooner.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Carbone.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Dooner, there has not been a board meeting since our previous council meeting. There is a board meeting coming up this Wednesday-the upcoming Wednesday, not this week. I'll handle that one until you set the committees and I'll report at our first meeting in February. If there are no questions, that is all that I have.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:

* See Communications and Technology Committee below *

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, Building and Utilities we have nothing on the agenda tonight. I'm going to roll right into Communications and Technology. We have one ordinance, Ordinance No. 2017-010. This is for a copier and printer for our recreation and senior center for a 36 month lease through American Copy Equipment for \$433.24/month. I ask that you suspend and adopt that tonight please. That is all that I have unless anybody has any questions or comments for either committee.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Schonhut.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I'd like to announce our next meeting will be next Monday, January 23rd at 7:00p.m. at the senior center. I'd like to also announce that the discussion with what is happening with the retail, we are going to form a subcommittee that will be interested in looking at the retail in the City of Strongsville and also involve the mall since many of our colleagues here on council have shown concern about that. That's all I have this evening Mr. Dooner, thank you very much.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

FINANCE – Mr. Dooner: There are no ordinances or resolutions this evening for the Finance Committee. Any questions for me for finance?

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have Ordinance No. 2016-225. This is to change the zoning at 21487 Royalton Road from general industrial to general business. I would recommend we place that on second reading and set it for public hearing on March 6th. Also, Ordinance No. 2017-001; this is amending Section 1262.04 regarding the main uses in general industrial. I recommend we place that on second reading and set for a public hearing on March 6th. For council's information and to the public referencing Ordinance No. 2016-225, there have been discussions with the developer concerning changing the zoning there and not being in accordance with our general industrial area there. We will proceed with that but it did receive an unfavorable recommendation from Planning. Ordinance No. 2017-001 will accomplish what the developers proposing for the City of Strongsville. We will deal with that at the March 6th meeting. Ordinance No. 2017-005 is accepting a grant of easement for storm water system purposes from FD Ladue Reserve, LLC in connection with the Walnut Drive Detention Basin Project. I recommend that be placed on first reading and referred over to the Planning Commission. Finally, Ordinance No. 2017-006, accepting for dedication to public use lands and public utilities within Pine Lakes Village Subdivision No. 16. I would ask that be suspended and adopted this evening. That's all I have Mr. Dooner, thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you Ken, we have two ordinances tonight, Ordinance No. 2017-008 and Ordinance No. 2017-009. First is for the dispatch/Olmsted Falls continuation; it's \$242,400.00, I believe, for the annual amount which includes the increase. The other is Ordinance No. 2017-009, the Ward 3 fire station. It's pretty much the final stages in revamping that entire station from head to toe. For those of you who haven't had an opportunity to go by there you should because you will see a hatch into a beautiful station come the spring when the outside gets down.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd): That increase for the Ward 3 fire station is \$639 and some change. We are still under budget with that project which is always a good thing. More importantly, Mayor if I'm correct, they will be in there in the next couple of weeks to be fully ready to go and out of their little cabin...is that about right? With the Mayor's permission, could you share what the real change is with the Ward 3 fire station is and how important that is with the generators and the updates and all the things that we did because I don't think folks truly understand, especially in that corridor which is hard to get to from time to time...

Mayor Perciak – There are a lot of changes there Joe and the Chief or the Building Commissioner can...

Chief Draves – Sure, like you said, the whole building has been renovated, the whole mechanical structure, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, electrical upgrades and a backup generator was put in. As you said, that is an important area of the part of town because it is cut off by the railroad tracks. We do access the turnpike from there where we need to respond. This building which was 36 years old was in desperate need of repair and updating so this will serve the community in that area and across the city for many, many years.

Mr. DeMio – That was the first fire station at the time Chief Haney brought me to it. He said at the time, "that's the one that needs to be taken care of." So one can imagine, it's been a few years but we're proud of what we've done, proud of being under budget Mayor and that's very important. It allows us to do other things. The other thing in public safety I do want to bring up, and our engineer is ahead of the curb on this a little bit, is the intersection of Pearl Road and Royalton Road and the question of the timing of the lights. It seems to be that time of the year we are getting more and more questions about how we can make it a little easier and how we could possibly have two left turns, which systematically would not work, but we're looking into that with some grants down the road. I want to say that I appreciate all that and I don't have any other issues in public safety; I don't know if the administration has anything or even the chiefs.

Mayor Perciak – Tony, do you want to comment anything on the building?

Mr. Biondillo – Only in addition to what Chief Draves mentioned. The roof structure was completely new, all new windows and doors. It should serve the community for another thirty years with no problem.

Mayor Perciak – I think we need to comment also about the generators at all four stations.

Chief Draves – Yes, all the public safety facilities including the police station here, the communication center and all four fire stations are supplied with backup generators. That one is actually a natural gas generator over there that was there in place to begin with and we replaced it with a new one that can actually power the whole building so nothing has to be separated off the backup generator. We're happy about that.

Mr. DeMio – Ken, with that I'd like close unless there is something else.

Mr. Dooner - Thank you.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: I have Ordinance No. 2017-007. This is filing an application for financial assistance with Cuyahoga County Solid Waste district; authorizing and accepting a fund for 2017. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. That ends my committee.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Carbone.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda. That concludes my report unless there's any questions.

Mr. Southworth – Baseball sign-ups are going on right now, right?

Mr. Short – Mr. Southworth, good point, Director Bogre?

Mr. Bogre – That is correct. They are going on now until March 10th for baseball and softball.

Mr. Southworth – I have a number of kids.

Mr. Short – Thank you Mr. Southworth.

Mr. Southworth – No problem.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Dooner: For Committee of the Whole we have Ordinance No. 2017-011. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to exercise the option to renew the lease agreement with the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone. I have some good news to share again with everyone, especially the residents of Ward 4. Along with the councilperson in Ward 4, Gordon Short, our City Engineer Ken Mikula, and our Assistant City Engineer Lori Daley, we mentioned at several meetings to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District the need for additional help in Ward 4 for the Drake Road/Bowman Drive/Fetzer Drive Sanitary Sewer Project. Low and behold, we were fortunate enough to obtain an additional grant to the grant I announced two weeks ago...four weeks ago, of \$617,165.00. What that means to everybody who lives on those streets is the original estimate for all the work was \$2,573,660.00. With the grants, that is now reduced down to \$1,339,330.00. Now, what does that mean to the individual homeowner? For the long connection, the original cost quoted to you at the time when the letters were sent out was \$17,803.00. Because of the efforts of the administration and your councilmen, your cost will now be an estimated \$9,277.00. The short connections, the original estimate was \$12,803.00. With the grants, they are reduced to \$6,777.00. In addition to the grants, we also received an interest free loan from the State of Ohio for the balance of the funds that are due which will be amortized over a period of twenty years; I believe annual payments Ken or semi-annual payments...Joe, do you remember how that read on the zero interest rate loan?

Mr. Dubovec – Semi-annual

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

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) – Semi-annual payments, so as you can see, we have done our very, very best. I'd like to thank our city engineer, our assistant engineer and our councilman from Ward 4 for cooperating with us. This is good news and I would also really extend a personal thank you to everybody at the sewer district for stepping up and helping us at this time. As you know, during the past there's been some uneasiness between the Northeast Ohio Sewer District and the City of Strongsville. We explained to them in detail, in writing and through the application as to the necessity for their help on this project. Gordon, I hope you are satisfied...

Mr. Short – Yes

Mayor Perciak - ...and that your residents will be satisfied there because this truly makes this a very viable and doable project.

Mr. Short – I just want to echo as well Mayor-thanks to your administration, Ken Mikula and Lori Daley, for their help in this. While the residents were appreciative of getting sewers, they were concerned about the costs. I think we have done a very good job of reducing that cost to the residents of Bowman, Fetzer and Drake. I want to thank you again Ken and thank Lori for us as well; we really appreciate it and we look forward to getting this done.

Mayor Perciak – We're going to get rolling. Then lastly, I just have one other announcement to make. As you saw, we had a full house here this evening with the appointment of our new chief down to our sergeants. But tomorrow we will be hosting, as Chairman of the Southwest Council of Governments, our annual business meeting here. That encompasses about twenty-one different agencies which include The Metroparks and includes the sewer district and all the surrounding communities. We're expecting the police chiefs, the fire chiefs and the mayors here for our annual business meeting to be conducted here at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center. I'd like to thank Chief Draves and our Safety Director Charlie Goss for helping facilitate all of this, and our Executive Director and Treasurer, Dana Kavander, from the City of Berea. Without all of their help this would not be possible. Truly, this is a collective effort of all the communities that surround Strongsville as we come together to provide the safety that each and every one of us have come to expect. I excused Chief Fender, but our safety director is here and maybe would you be so kind just to give a few examples as to why the Southwest Council of Governments is such an important facet of our police and our safety and our fire work here in the City of Strongsville.

Mr. Goss – Mr. President, Mayor Perciak, a lot of people might not realize that entity really covers one-third of Cuyahoga County. That includes all S.W.A.T. response, bomb disposal, search and rescue, hazardous material response. Any of those specialties from a public safety response capacity for an entire third of the county come through these teams. We're proud to host them here and really take the point in organizing them and running them. Any special application of police or fire response for that third of the county comes through that.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you, that ends my report.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec: Thank you Mr. Dooner, 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.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: Thanks Mr. Chairman, all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That concludes my report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Dooner – We've come to the time in our program where audience participation. We do have a sign-in sheet. I urge the people who speak to give their name and address for the record. Comments of each member of the audience shall be limited to five minutes. We have Nadeem Koussa.

Nadeem Koussa, 18871 Saratoga Trail, Strongsville, OH: My name is Nadeem Koussa. I live in Strongsville, 18871 Saratoga Trail. I'm here tonight because I want to speak to you about-I have some concern about...I don't know how many members go to the recreation center. I am a regular attendee there and my concern is putting a lot of money in the recreation center and getting all this state of the art equipment. It's really very nice. My concern is the cardiovascular/cardio department on the second floor. All the machines are put on carpet. When you see people working out, technically, they are sweating. The sweat goes into the carpet. The only thing I think with OSHA will...it is not OSHA compliant. I appreciate if we can pay attention to this matter and put some vinyl or surfaces you can cleanse, thank you.

Mayor Perciak – Doctor, we will look and see if there are any special mats that we can put the machines on or however it works so that they can be wiped off. I know on my machine at home I have this big mat on it for the very same reason; however, just so that you're aware, we're going through an extensive...we hope to have these locker rooms and everything else done here as soon as we can sort out these bids that came in. But, the Department of Health is always around that place so we are very careful as to what goes on there so I can assure you if there was a problem we would have heard from somebody. We're going to look into it as you request and see. I will get back to you or Bryan Bogre will get back to you.

Mr. Koussa – Okay

Mayor Perciak – Okay, thanks Doctor.

Lorenzo Ritson, 18925 Saratoga Trail, Strongsville, OH:

Mayor Perciak – All right, a Saint Ed's Eagle. Are you a senior this year?

Mr. Ritson – Yes sir

Mayor Perciak – Okay

Mr. Ritson – My name is Lorenzo Ritson. I live at 18925 Saratoga Trail here in Strongsville.

Mayor Perciak – Is everybody from around the corner here?

(Laughter)

*****Mr. Ritson read from a piece of correspondence which is attached to the back of these minutes.*****

Mayor Perciak – Congratulations to you.

(Applause)

Mr. DeMio – Lorenzo, the person you need to thank is that guy right there. You know what I'm talking about, he's awesome.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – And don't forget your mom.

Mr. DeMio – He's the public one and I see him down in court once in a while checking up, making sure all is working; but you're always welcome with this group and of course our office downtown, anytime.

Mr. Ritson – Thank you.

Mayor Perciak – College is where Lorenzo?

Mr. Ritson – Baldwin Wallace.

Mayor Perciak – Baldwin Wallace, good luck.

Mr. Ritson – Thank you.

Mr. Dooner – That's the end of our sign-up sheet. If anyone else would like to address council, please step forward and state your name and address for the record.

Franco Barile, 19922 Idlewood Trail, Strongsville, OH: Hi, I'm sorry, I didn't know there was a sign-up sheet.

Mr. Dooner – That's okay.

Mr. Barile – My name is Franco Barile. I live at 19922 Idlewood Trail. I know Mr. Jamison has a familiarity with my concerns. I moved to this area about four and a half years ago. When I moved I didn't know that across the street from me there was a group home which, obviously, is federally protected and there's really nothing much you can do about it. However, it became such an issue that the employees that came in and out of the home, there's so many different employees they didn't know the rules so they would park on the tree lawn or there would be four or five cars parked in the driveway. At that time, I contacted Mr. Biondillo. He did a couple of inspections over there and did help us a little bit, but it kind of fell off and I just kind of had to take over and contact the manager of the home and try to deal with the company and try to get them to clean up. While it's a little taxing, I thought that maybe the city could do a little more to work with us on that issue. Just recently about a year ago, my next door neighbor was running almost like a rental/air B&B type of situation. He would have three or four people who would live in his house and they would stay there for a short term amount of time, some for a couple of months, some for a couple of days. He's had two individuals there that were consistently there for at least a couple of months and we just weren't sure what the city would do about it; so I contacted Mr. Jamison and then there's obviously an ordinance on the book. I believe the prosecutor was contacted and there were some issues with trying to get some facts together. That was about five or so months ago. I'm here today because I'm just a little concerned that if there are concerns of this issue now...I'm part of the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce and when I heard the councilmen speak the one day they mentioned how they had gotten calls from somebody who had a squirrel in their basement. I just felt that if somebody is calling for a squirrel, I guess this is a pretty big issue that they would really take care of. I just felt like either the ball was dropped or I feel like there wasn't much care put into it. I really don't know what to do. I can't police my neighbor, I have children; we're putting up a fence obviously, but I don't put a fence around all my neighbors just because of that issue. There are issues with other neighbors with this specific neighbor; however, they just don't want to push the envelope. I just want to know if there is anything that can be done with an ordinance on the book to do something about it and secondly, I don't believe there's anything on the books for rental registrations in this city.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Barile (cont'd) - I know other cities have it. I know it's constitutional and okay to do; so I guess I don't understand if that hasn't even been looked at or if you all have taken into account maybe a rent registration to at least put that on the books. Those are my concerns.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you, we will...

Mr. Jamison – Mr. Chairman if I may; just to respond to some of Mr. Barile's statements. He and I have been talking for the last five months about this. I hate to say that I am almost an expert in Airbnb this point. That is basically a phenomenon that is spread to our area, particularly a year ago, when the convention hit town. A lot of people, not just in Strongsville, but all over the area, it's basically a concept for a person to rent out of their home to people, I think a minimum of two days up to...I forgot what the end, how long it could be. They do it over the internet. This is a concern that spread throughout the country by different cities. I know in New York, they've actually imposed a burdens tax to try and prevent people from doing this because it has hurt the hotel industry in that area. In talking with Mr. Barile, I shared with him that, I've been reviewing different legislation from around the country. I've been talking to the Building Department about this issue and the Police Department. I am crafting some legislation to address this type of issue. We've got to be careful. I think I shared with you, Santa Monica in California was another area where they developed this; little bit different because of the type of housing that they have there. Particularly on the beach and other areas where they have more of a transient kind of person running through. We're aware of the situation. We haven't dropped the ball. The problem has been, and I'll sit down with you folks afterwards and talk to you in person. I've talked to you a number of times, and welcome the chance to talk to you in person. But it is also an ongoing investigation. The Police along with the Building Department have been looking into this. The gentleman in question, who owns the home, where this is being conducted also has an attorney. I've been talking to that attorney about trying to resolve this. We haven't dropped the ball. It's a matter of getting the appropriate evidence to be able to make a prosecution stick and also, in the long term, to develop the appropriate ordinance to try and address these kind of rentals. It's a recent phenomenon that has come up and it's something that we want address the right way. Like I said, I've been working on it. We've been talking at length about it. If you stick around afterwards, I think you were here with a couple other folks, we'll talk. I'll explain a little bit more, privately about what we are doing as well. Thanks for coming up.

Mr. Barile – Okay, thank you.

Mary Ann Zirker, 19890 Idlewood Trail, Strongsville, OH: Good evening Mayor, members of Council. I'm Mary Ann Zirker and I am a neighbor of Mr. Barile. I ditto everything that he said. Also, too, because we live right next door to Mr. Barile- that what happens in that house, I'm not aware and there are little children next door. Case in point, I cannot stress enough, I have been in Strongsville for a number of years, and I won't tell you how many years, but it's older than any of you here. Let this not happen on Idlewood Trail in CoMoor Colony. I thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Ma'am can I have your address for the record, please?

Ms. Zirker – Yes. It's 19890 Idlewood Trail.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Anyone else?

(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. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 12-5-16. Tabled by Planning Commission 12-15-16. Unfavorable recommendation by Planning Commission 01-12-17.*

Placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on March 6, 2016.

Ordinance No. 2017-001 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1262.04 OF CHAPTER 1262 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE REGARDING CERTAIN MAIN USES IN THE GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (GI) DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 01-03-17. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 01-12-17.*

Placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on March 6, 2016.

Ordinance No. 2017-005 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR STORM WATER SYSTEM PURPOSES FROM FC LADUE RESERVE, LLC, IN CONNECTION WITH THE WALNUT DRIVE DETENTION BASIN PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ordinance No. 2017-006 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN PINE LAKES VILLAGE SUBDIVISION PHASE 6-D; ACCEPTING CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSTRUCTED THEREIN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTS REQUIRED IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2017-006 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2017-007 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT UNDER THE 2017 COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2017-007 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-008 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF FEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2017-008 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-009 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 16 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND SEITZ BUILDERS, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENOVATION AND MECHANICAL UPGRADES AT FIRE STATION NO. 3, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2017-009 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2017-010 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND LEASE OF ONE UPGRADED COPIER WITH APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2017-010 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-011 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO RENEW THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE STRONGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 18829 ROYALTON ROAD, STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2017-011 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Dooner – Any miscellaneous business?

(No comments)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Dooner adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.


Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

February 6, 2017
Date of Approval

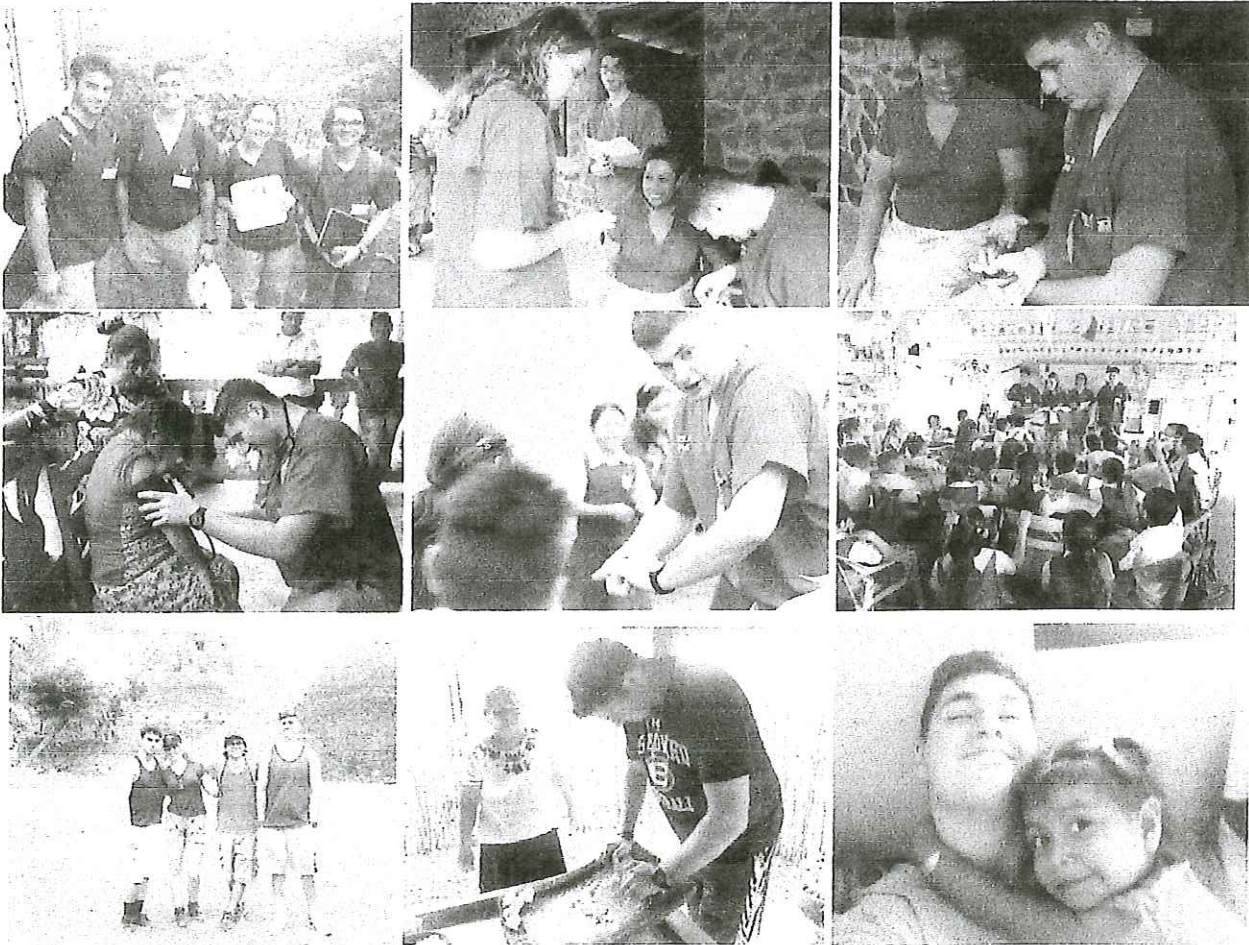
Overview: GPSA Health Belize trip (Lorenzo Ritson)

My name is Lorenzo Ritson and am senior at St. Edward High School. I want to take this moment to tell you about my experience this holiday season when I was blessed to have the chance to travel to a small village named San Antonio in the Central American country of Belize. This was an opportunity of a lifetime. The trip with Global Public Service Academies (GPSA), which is affiliated with Duke University, was a humbling and life-altering adventure that I will never forget. The GPSA trip allows high students to explore a different culture while gaining hands-on experience in the healthcare field versus a more simple career shadow locally .

As a brief synopsis of my trip, I left early on the morning of Sunday, December 11 and returned on Saturday, December 24th. I was one of three students from St. Edward and we were joined in country by a fourth student who was a female from Brazil. We spent several hours each day in the community center where we learned about a variety of healthcare topics taught by volunteer medical fellows from Duke University and John's Hopkins University. Training included how to perform medical screenings such as blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate, blood glucose and BMI. We also learned about the basic essentials of patient care, hypertension, diabetes, maternal-fetal health, as well as hand and oral hygiene. Each morning, we would walk for miles to visit people in their homes in the neighboring villages and perform screenings. We would also provide basic education on living healthy life-styles. In addition, we spent time in the local schools, educating the students on the importance of a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy body weight, and hygiene.

I was so fortunate to stay with a wonderful host family who so graciously opened their home for several of us to stay for the 12 days we were there. Ms. Dorita, Mr. Mai, and Chelsea, their 3 year old daughter, were very kind and treated me like one of their own! The food was delicious, authentic, and extremely fresh. Ms. Dorita made things like tortillas, burritos, escabeche, and salbutes. In our free time, we played with the local children, learned to make tortillas and pottery, visited historic sites and were able to get to know everyone in the village very well. The scenery was breathtaking and unlike anything I would be able to see living in Cleveland.

In the conclusion, this trip has opened my eyes to the world around me and has helped me to realize there is so much more to life. I wanted to talk about this experience in case other high school students are looking to participate in this type of opportunity in the future. This experience has solidified my intent to pursue a career in medicine and continue on the path of helping people. Thank you, once again and a happy, healthy New Year to you all! - *Lorenzo* (January 15, 2017)



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