

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY MARCH 20, 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 **Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:15 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, Service Director Joe Walker, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Council President Dooner called the caucus to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Daymut advised Ordinance No. 2017-039 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for the 2017 Pavement Reconstruction Program. Fabrizi Trucking was the lowest bidder and the contract is in the amount of \$1,047,175.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that ordinance. Ordinance No. 2017-040 is to accept for recording purposes the plat of Fieldstone Preserve Subdivision Phase 3-The Enclave at Fieldstone Preserve. Resolution No. 2017-041 is to dedicate certain streets within Fieldstone preserve subdivision Phase 3-The Enclave at Fieldstone Preserve. Mr. Daymut asked council to vote their conscience on both pieces of legislation.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Mr. Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-042; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract to purchase a 2018 ambulance unit for use by the fire department. Chief Draves advised this will come from the emergency vehicle fund. Mayor Perciak advised when that fund was created, it was just to take care of fire department needs. It has since been modified to include all safety services which includes police. Mr. Dubovec advised that fund generates roughly a million dollars annually. This ambulance will be placed in service at fire station no. 1. It will take about 13 months for the vehicle to be completed and used by the fire department. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-043; an ordinance authorizing the sale by internet auction of a pumper vehicle no longer used by the fire department. This is the pumper that had the cracked frame. Ordinance No. 2017-044 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a third amendment to the agreement for public safety dispatch services between the City of Strongsville and North Royalton, in connection with an adjustment of fees commencing January 1, 2017. Mr. Goss advised the contract has already been passed in North Royalton. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised there are no ordinances or resolutions in his committee tonight. The next meeting will be Monday, March 27th at 7:00p.m. at the senior center. Mr. Daymut advised he has also been in contact with Ohio State and will be setting up a meeting with them to discuss the census and retail.

Committee of the Whole:

President Dooner noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose to discuss legal matters pertaining to potential litigation. It was so moved by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Short 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 7:22 p.m. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Perciak, Neil Jamison, and Ken Mikula. The executive session concluded at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 20, 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, Service Director Joe Walker, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, 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 March 6, 2017 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Presentation by State Representative Thomas F. Patton

Mr. Patton – Good evening Your Honor and members of council. I appreciate this opportunity to come before you tonight. I've lived here in Strongsville for forty years over on Rabbit Run. I moved in with two little girls, ended up with six children on Rabbit Run Drive and I've enjoyed...I'll let all the comments go about kids and Rabbit Run. I'm proud to say I raised all six of those children there and I'm now-five of my seven grandchildren reside here in the City of Strongsville. I've had the great privilege to represent many cities and townships in my time in public service; but it's always good to come home to Strongsville. I appreciate this opportunity to come here tonight to, I think, clear up some misinformation, some misconception, some misdirection. I understand at the last council meeting my name was invoked as someone who should get behind this problem that we have in the highway system between Strongsville S.R. 82 and Brunswick S.R. 303. Folks, this isn't a new problem; this is not new at all.

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

Mr. Patton (cont'd) - I can remember meeting early on when I first started with Walter Ehrnfelt and the folks from Brunswick city, the city manager at the time and their county council. Mayor Perciak helped me organize another meeting about 2007 or 2008, again it slips my mind; it was a similar meeting, where we expressed the concerns that we have: a number of accidents, the congestion, the fact that it was not a good quality of life issue for any of the folks in Strongsville. The Mayor, and I admire the Mayor greatly, I've had the pleasure of working with many mayors and not just because he's sitting here but I have to tell you something, we're very fortunate to have Mayor Tom Perciak as the Mayor of our town. He does a great job. And like all of us, the Mayor was looking for a solution, you know, for this issue. Folks will incorrectly state that the Mayor wanted to put in the slip ramp. What the Mayor wanted to do was do a study to see if the slip ramp would be feasible, would be a possibility. Frankly, there's some people that are here tonight sitting in this body who take credit for doing away with the "Slip Ramp Project". That man, the Mayor of Strongsville, pulled the slip ramp project off the table when the NOACA and the ODOT engineers disproved what the other engineers that were hired, that said it could be possible, found out no it was not going to be a possibility. The Mayor quietly but efficiently removed that from consideration. So what did that leave us with? In November, it left us with the idea that we still had a problem and we still needed to try to resolve it. There's always a process in state government. It's obviously a process that some members of this body don't quite understand. I introduced weeks and weeks and weeks ago, right after we got sworn in, an amendment to the transportation budget. It was a key amendment folks. It was an amendment that in the entirety of the interstate system, as you look at all the various highway systems that we have and all the miles of highway, it only applied to the corridor between S.R. 82 and S.R. 303 and nothing else. The fact that someone would tell to somebody that, "Let's encourage Representative Tom Patton to get behind this amendment. Let's get him to get behind it and support this amendment"; candidly ladies and gentlemen and folks in the audience, I offered the amendment. Of course I was supporting the amendment; but in the process, what has to happen is it goes to the Ohio House, which it did, I co-sponsored the entire transportation budget so, of course, I (unintelligible) my own amendment. Now it's on to the Senate and sometime this week the Ohio Senate will take that transportation budget and they may or they may not agree to have that in the budget. Even if they don't, on everything there will be three hundred items that we'll disagree on in the transportation budget. That's what's called then a conference committee where members of the House and members of the Senate get together and iron out their differences. If we're successful at that point, it becomes part of the transportation budget, but it is still left us to go to the Governor to make sure the Governor doesn't veto it. So I would have much rather have had members of this body direct the people to contact the Governor; inform the Governor just how important this is to the quality of life for the folks not only in Strongsville, but in North Royalton, or in Brunswick, and in Hinckley. Folks, this is a regional issue. Candidly, the entire corridor started with S.R. 42 all the way to S.R. 18. It is a concise problem that must be addressed by ODOT. I'm proud to say that in the very first week in March we received a concise preliminary study from the folks at ODOT through NOACA. That study simply tells us what we already know; we have a big problem. The final part of that study will come due in June. That will underscore the fact that we've been living in a traffic nightmare for way too many years. It is our time to demand from the State of Ohio; and if it comes down to the Governor of the State of Ohio, that we have to demand to them some type of removal of this horrific circumstance and situation. I applaud some of the councilman who were kind enough to contact the Governor and the Senate President by the way, so thank you both Mr. Short and Mr. Southworth, I appreciate that. We need to be together on this folks. We cannot be in the, "We're going to take credit game." We can't be in the, "We're going to take blame game or assign blame game."

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

Mr. Patton (cont'd) - This has got to be a concerted effort. We have a great leader in the Mayor. Mr. Council President, I appreciate this opportunity to come up here and explain what the process is and hopefully we've answered the questions that other folks may or may not have had about it. I'm delighted that you've allowed me to do that. Thank you your Honor, thank you Mr. President.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Patton. Have a safe trip to Columbus.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Dooner: The school board was given this week \$55,000.00 in donations. \$30,000.00 from the Cleveland Football Club; and that's soccer not football as I know it. They were given \$30,000.00. The Strongsville City Club also gave \$25,000.00. All of this went for the "Excellence in Athletics" campaign. They've done a nice job in raising a lot of money. That's all I have for the school board.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Carbone: Yes, we have not had a meeting since our last council meeting, but I will update the next time we do.

Mr. Dooner – Thanks you.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:

* See Communications and Technology Committee below *

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on the agenda tonight; however, I would like to discuss something since it seems to have come up at a local political club last week and then also at the Mayor's State of the City and that is, of course, green space. Since I have had my name plastered all over that as an advocate for more green space in our city, I thought that maybe it would be a good time since it is such a hot topic to discuss that a little bit further. As the Mayor alluded to in his State of the City, The Metroparks makes up a little bit more than 2/3 of the green space in our city. One big problem with what we have here in Strongsville, which I have discussed in the past, is access to there with limited sidewalks in our city on some of our main thoroughfares and streets that people would use to get to The Metroparks. I think the only main street where it may cut through that has sidewalks, I could be wrong but I believe, is S.R. 82. Other than that, the Drake Roads, the W. 130ths that you would use to get there by transportation other than vehicle, people wouldn't be able to safely access those Metroparks and since they are such a big part of the greenspace I would call upon this council as I have in the past along with Mr. Short, your predecessor at the time, to look into a plan for sidewalks. There is one single line in our master plan that discusses those, but if you look at a city like Solon's master plan that has all their sidewalks laid out, exactly where they are missing, how many feet they are; I think if we take that route and start to address that, some of the greenspace that we do have in this city will be much more valuable to our residents. I do ask that we hopefully address that topic here in the near future. That's all I have Mr. Dooner, unless anybody has any questions.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Schonhut.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. Our next meeting will be next Monday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center. I would like to also inform you that we do have a meeting tentatively set, although the dates have not been determined yet, in April meeting with Ohio State concerning a census that we're in the process of developing. It's been about twelve years since we've done that. Hopefully we will get that out this year; and secondly with the retail. We are meeting for some guidance there and hopefully we can form the committee and move on from there. That's all I have Mr. Dooner, thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

FINANCE – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda. I will be happy to take any questions.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have Ordinance No. 2017-039 on this evening's agenda. That's to enter into a contract in connection with the Pavement Reconstruction Program for 2017. Fabrizi Trucking was the low bidder on that and paving it for the tune of \$1,047,175.00. We ask that be given favorable recommendation this evening. We have Ordinance No. 2017-040; that's accepting for recording purposes the plat of Fieldstone Preserve Subdivision Phase 3-The Enclave at Fieldstone Preserve. We ask you to vote your conscience on that particular ordinance. The companion Resolution no. 2017-041 is the intent of council to accept for dedication certain streets within Fieldstone Preserve Subdivision Phase 3-the Enclave at Fieldstone Preserve. I also ask that you vote your conscience on that particular resolution. That's all I have, thank you Mr. Dooner.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you, I have in this committee, not me, the committee has three ordinances-Ordinance Nos. 2017-042, 2017-043 and 2017-044. I would just like to highlight Ordinance No. 2017-042. If the Mayor will allow his Chief of Police to explain exactly what we're purchasing, the age of the vehicle and the wear and tear that it has encumbered. That would be it actually, I'm not going to go into too much...

Mayor Perciak – Chief Draves.

Chief Draves – Yes Mr. Mayor and Mr. DeMio, we're looking to purchase a new rescue squad. Council approved this in the budget last fall. The unit we'll be replacing ultimately is a 2004 ambulance that's been in service...by the time we get the new one it will be almost 14-15 years old. It has about 125,000 miles on it currently. This squad will be purchased through the emergency vehicle fund which, as you know, that money is generated from the ems billing that we collect from insurance companies. That does not come out of any residents' pockets. I just wanted to make that clear; and we'll rotate the stock of our fleet down to keep the vehicles up to date as much as we can so they're reliable service vehicles for the residents.

Mr. DeMio – And Mayor, in the ordinance that was provided to this council, it showed some issues with the frame.

Mayor Perciak – On the old one.

Mr. DeMio – On the old one. We're eliminating that one.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

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

Chief Draves – Mr. DeMio, that's for the second ordinance, Ordinance No. 2017-043. That's for the fire engine. This was the one that we had a cracked frame on the vehicle and council passed that last year to purchase a new one; so we're going to dispose of the old one through Government Deals.

Mr. DeMio – Yes, and are we donating that eventually or is that just going to go right into...?

Chief Draves – It's going to go onto online auction through GovDeals, yes sir.

Mr. DeMio - Right into the auction, all right. Mayor, do we have anything new for this committee you want to share with us at all?

Mayor Perciak – No, other than the fact that on the old engine we have to make all the proper disclosures even though we're going to try and dispose of it because of the cracked frame.

Mr. DeMio – I would like to Ken, because this could possibly be a little bit longer of a meeting...I'd like to close the committee unless there's questions by anyone else in my council.

Mr. Dooner – Thanks Joe.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: Yes, no ordinances or resolutions, but I do have a motion:

Motion made by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section D, Lot # 13, Grave A. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Carbone – Mr. Dooner, before I close the committee, I would just like...I had the pleasure to talk with Felix Fedor. He's a resident of our community and he was talking about the Heritage Home Program and asked why we did not have this. I looked into it a little bit more. Just to give you a little idea of what it is; it is also known as "HHP". It's a preservation based program comprised of two technical...two parts: technical advice and maintenance repair rehab on homes older than 50 years; plus, also offering low interest loans for those residents. He said he possibly might come today. I haven't met the gentleman but maybe this is something that we could look at.

Mayor Perciak – We had it in the past and we had zero takers. Brent is on vacation but he'll give you the breakdown on what we've and how we've done. I think this is the first year we haven't done it; but we've done it and I think the maximum amount or grant on that is \$6,000.00. I'm just going from memory but we have done it.

Mr. Carbone – I checked into it in the community of North Olmsted and same thing Mayor, it took a while to get off the ground but in the last couple of years the residents have really taken advantage of it, so maybe it's something...

Mayor Perciak – We could go back to it. I don't see any reason why we couldn't but the reason we didn't...we had it available for I'm going to say at least two years and there were zero takers. Now, I don't know if there were zero takers simply because of the way it was marketed by them or if it was the conditions and terms that they quoted that the people didn't like. I have no idea.

Mr. Carbone – That ends my report.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. There's nothing to report except we did have major damage at the rec center during that windstorm. The roof above the gymnasium and the auxiliary gym pretty much came off so we're going to have to replace it. It is not a cheap fix. I was out there with Bryan Bogre and Tony Biondillo. I met with the representative for Travelers. We're all hoping that insurance will kick in on this. I don't know if we've had any word on that but there will presumably be legislation coming through.

Mayor Perciak – This is going to be an emergency because we have to...

Mr. Southworth – Okay

Mayor Perciak - ...repair the roof, I'm sorry. I don't mean to interrupt but just to go along with that-I did call Duke because he's chair of this committee and he was there. The problem we have there is we actually have video of the roof ready to lift off. It looked like a parachute. I think that would be the best way to put it, right Mr. Biondillo? And at the end of the day, the roof is almost 20 years old. When the building was building was built, I guarantee you it was 20 years. That's all I'll say because I have no idea how it will be viewed beyond this.

Mr. Biondillo – Mayor and Councilman Southworth, we have another meeting with the insurance adjustor tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. and we'll be handing over the video evidence we have and give them some additional information.

Mayor Perciak – We're grateful it happened during the day. We were able to react the same day, the same time. The problem we did have was trying to get somebody up there with those high winds and we have to use some common sense here. We just couldn't have people put their lives at risk to try and do something within that immediate time. Bryan notified us right away on that and Tony Biondillo was there. Thank you for helping us, thank you for being there. It was better that you were there to see it yourself because...

Mr. Southworth – Yes, it's a great view from up there. That is all that I have.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Dooner: We have no ordinances or resolutions before this council this evening.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK

(No report)

Mr. DeMio – Ken, I just have one question. Mayor, when do you think you get...I didn't clearly understand....State Representative Patton, about the budget and all that stuff? When do you think you'll be able to digest the percentages that Cuyahoga County and Strongsville may undertake? When do you get that after it's approved?

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

MAYOR PERCIAK (cont'd)

Mayor Perciak – In all honesty, we're years away from that because first of all, I don't if any of the studies that they currently have are accurate; whether it be the EPA, Army Corps, and God knows whatever host of other studies that they need. Like anything else, it goes to engineering...

Mr. DeMio – I'm talking about the proposed Governor's budget. When the State passes the budget in its entirety. Not the portion of what he said, but how the process works. I included that in all of the things because that's how it normally happens. Once it's approved, once the Governor signs off, edits his line item vetoes-after that, and I'm not talking about the slip ramp or the ramp. I keep reading Cuyahoga County and all these municipalities in Cuyahoga County, including our school system, is getting significantly less. Cuyahoga County, it passed (unintelligible) \$23 million dollars. When do you get a really good understanding of what monies we gain or lose?

Mayor Perciak – By the end of June.

Mr. DeMio – End of June-and you like our city budget approved before the end of the year, correct?

Mayor Perciak – Correct, but we technically can extend it if we wanted to till arch 31st like we used to years and years ago. Since Joe has been here, Joe Dubovec, He's always had it ready in plenty of time so we didn't have to go into the first of the year. That was never one of your practices if I recall.

Mr. DeMio – So late June/July?

Mayor Perciak – June 30th is pretty much the drop dead date.

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 ends my report, thank you.

Mayor Perciak – Mr. Dooner, I would like the Finance Director to just bring us up-do-date on the State audit and where we're at.

Mr. Dubovec – We're about 4 weeks into the audit. Everything is going very well. We have financial statements prepared and about ready to give them to the auditors for audits. Everything is going well.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: Thank you Mr. Chairman, we previously had put forth two conditional objections on two liquor permits. The first one was Houlihans restaurant located at SouthPark. We are withdrawing that because they are now in compliance with our building department regulations. The second one was Pizza Hut; we've withdrawn that. They placed their license in storage. Based on that, we've withdrawn those objections. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form, nothing further.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Dooner – We've come to the portion of our meeting for audience participation. We do have a sign-in sheet. I'd like you, when you come to the podium, please give your name and your address for the record and your comments being limited to five minutes. First up, we have Jason Friscone.

Jason Friscone, 21487 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, Jason Friscone. My partner and I own the old B&O...

Mr. Dooner – Can you give us your address for the record, please?

Mr. Friscone – You want my home address? 19057 Station Road and that is Columbia Station.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

Mr. Friscone – Yes sir. Just wanted to make a few points about the zoning amendment, Ordinance No. 2017-001. I know at that previous meeting my partner was here representing both of us. I couldn't be here at that time and now he can't be here so I am going to speak on both of our behalf. We currently own the south portion of the old B&O property. We felt as though we were taking the proper steps and going through the right procedures to have this property rezoned in conjunction with TSC (Tractor Supply Company) and their development team. There was really no indication that there was any issue, I guess, whatsoever with going through that process. As the notifications went out that this was occurring, we've in turn lost our tenants for that property because they felt as though everything was going to be moving forward so they've moved their business, one of them, and the other was a resident in a house. Now we've lost Schill a tenant due to this zoning amendment not being passed as though we thought that it was going to. It's going to create a hardship over there for us. We're really trying to work with the city to get that property developed and cleaned up. We felt this was the first step in the right direction to do that. We were bringing sewers into the property from down the road. We were bringing water over to the property-fire and water over to the property which it currently only has a one inch connection over there. We were obviously going to use this to spring board the cleanup and the redevelopment of the remainder portion of land that TSC wasn't going to be on. This is...it came as a real shocker because again, we thought all indicators had been that this was on track to move forward and especially with the other variances that have been granted for similar type situations. We just didn't have any indicator that this wasn't going to go in the direction that it should of. We are just asking that council reconsider that situation so that TSC can move forward with their plans and we can move forward then with cleaning up and completing the development of that property. That's all I have.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Greg Modic.

Greg Modic, 387 Medina Road, Suite 1700, Medina, OH: Good evening. Greg Modic here, back with Pulte Homes. 387 Medina Road, Suite 1700, Medina, Ohio. No speeches tonight, I'll keep it short. We've interacted quite a bit over the last month here in front of you at the board here as a whole and certainly I have received commentary from individual council members relaying the concerns of the residents with regards to the Fieldstone Subdivision that we have in front of you. I'd like to thank you for your time over the last month here. It is not too often that a project comes in and able to identify a known contributor to a flooding corridor down Martins Lane and Blue Spruce and Lyons Lane as this one has and propose to clean that up for a betterment not only for that project but a whole. Thank you for your time and thank you for everything over the last month.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – Hey Ken, I just want to thank Mr. Modic and the gentleman you brought out the other night. You know Gordon was trying...working with you indirectly on the same thing and we really appreciate you going out at 7:00, 7:30 in the morning to resolve some lines for residents and the association so they had a clear understanding of what was there. I just want to thank you because I know it was very short notice. I want to thank you. 'm sure Gordon feels the same way. I don't want to speak for him. We really do...

Mr. Short – Yes, I echo the same. No I echo the same. I appreciate you taking the time to the residents to alleviate their concerns. I did get a call from that resident who said, they walked at 7:30 a.m. and I am happy with their explanations and I understand why the stakes were placed where they were. I do appreciate that. Thank you.

Mr. DeMio – So be it. I appreciate it. I want to put that as part of the record, if that was okay with Mr...

Mr. Dooner – That's fine. Thank you.

Mr. Modic – Thank you I appreciate that.

Mr. Dooner – Next up we have Chet Cochrane.

Chet Cochrane, 22131 Yarrow Trail, Strongsville, OH: Hi there council, I'm Chet Cochrane, 22131 Yarrow Trail. I am a resident and a local contractor. I have an office in the City of Strongsville here on Pearl Road. We mostly do highway work and the reason I initially moved to Strongsville was to run an eastern market bar company. I chose the city, A: because of the location of the highways, B: I like the family and community that we saw and the people we've met through here. I have two kids now in the school system that I'm proud to say that we're very happy with the city and the community. The one reason I chose Strongsville was because we thought it was a nice hub for our satellite office and I do run this market. Basically, I am here to speak on behalf of the TSC that potentially could come into Strongsville. We've been fortunate enough to work in a lot of the projects that have come to the city...A: the Giant Eagle. We performed all the site concrete. B: we did the Sheetz gas station which was built a few years ago. We were also fortunate enough to build the Strongsville Middle School, all the exterior concrete work-site work contractor. We do travel to State but it is nice to see the community bringing in nice jobs. We worked in the Industrial Parkway this summer at the Scannell Mills project so we're very fortunate to have been part of these projects that are in the community. Being a local contractor, I think that's important. What I'd like to say is...basically I was looking forward to this work. I had worked with Keith and the developer on looking at the design process of this and the bidding process, so we would potentially be a contractor that could be performing this work. For us, we...potentially like Jason had said, thought the project was moving forward and we were hoping...you never count on anything, but at least the opportunity was there. I guess we're just as concerned that this may not come to fruition now and as well as Jason said, not only the TSC but there is further land behind it that could be developed into more industrial. So...for myself, I just wanted to basically say that there is...it will affect people in the community and a contractor that's local if this doesn't come to fruition. I believe myself too that TSC on that side of town could be very well beneficial to bringing...we have a rural community to the west; obviously, bringing a lot of people in on that side of town. It won't really congest the City. For the most part and there's a lot of money that could be brought in to this City that, why let it go elsewhere? Most people I know, including myself, I have trailers, 4-wheelers, etc. I drive to Medina. TSC, I mean, small box buildings, they don't have the parts you need. They don't have tires, rims, etc. So I do feel, not only would you lose the opportunities, but you can also gain something from the TSC being a part of your city. I'd like to say thank you myself.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

Mr. Cochrane – Thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Keith Carter.

Keith Carter, 1076 Summit Drive, Middletown, OH: Keith Carter, 1076 Summit Drive, Middletown, Ohio. As many of you know, I've been in front of you a little bit. I've worked with the staff quite a bit. I want to say thank you for the opportunity to speak to you tonight. I'll be the first to say that two weeks ago, I was a little taken aback and a little surprised by the vote. I had heard, really, no negativity on the project. I've worked very closely with staff. Worked very close with the Mayor and Brent and the other folks and even met with a couple of you folks after the very first meeting when it was brought forward to discuss the project. I never left any of those meetings with a negative feeling about the project in anyway. I'd like to take a couple minutes just to talk about the positives of that zoning amendment. That zoning amendment, actually still makes the projects in the conditional use. So many of those projects will still come forward. The city still gets a choice on whether to vote for the conditional use or against it. The other thing that would do, and I'll use the Mayor's words and other words I've heard, it's cleaning up an eyesore of the city. The former B&O site is an eyesore of the city and that's the words that were given to me, not the words that I've used. This project will help produce money so the seller can redo that. I know the sellers had plans of doing some industrial condominiums there to let the smaller businesses, the guys that I think are coming out of their garages and those businesses; give them a place, like an incubation facility, where they can grow. I know that was one of the plans. I know one of the other plans was to help clean that facility up. It was a former junk yard. There's some issues there that got to be taken care of and without this project going forward, they're at a stale mate. Unfortunately, as he mentioned, they have lost their tenant. So now it's going to be a vacant building sitting along that parcel, along that major road that's not going to be going forward. The other thing that we were going to do, and they mentioned it, we're extending sewer line all the way from the next road over, all the way across a neighboring 14 acres, to help develop that piece. We're bringing an 8 inch water line underneath Royalton Road because there isn't water service on our side of the road that could be extended to the parcel to the west to continue that development. When you're looking at this, just as one small development, it's actually 25+ acres that are going to be redeveloped based on this project. We can give the people next door all the utilities that they need today that they don't have. We could give this property the utilities it needs that they don't have and help clean it up and move it forward. The other thing that it will do is, as you know, that property currently has three curb cuts on it. We're...our plan going forward is to condense it down to one to help limit the traffic in and out of that section. We've already agreed to put in...we put in the turn lane and the driveway coming out of our driveway to help with all the traffic congestion. I know that a lot of you...the one concern I've heard is that maybe it's extending the retail. I will tell you that I worked months in this community with Brent, with staff on locating a proper location for this site. We worked very hard. I will tell you that the staff out of the gate was like, we want our industrial. We want to keep our industrial. We want to keep moving it forward. We exhausted all opinions. I've talked to property owners and different realtors in town and talked to people that owned motels and just every little way we could look at it and this is the property that works. I'd be more than willing to get in a car with any of you at any time to show you every property that we've looked at in the community just to show you that this wasn't just a flash in the pants idea. As you know, we started down one path. We were given the direction to take a different path and that's what we put in front of you. I...you know, like I said, I was taken back because I haven't heard any negatives from the community. I hadn't heard any negatives from the staff. I had actually heard very positive, good things and from many of the council I've heard positive things that they really liked the Tractor Supply; that they'd be excited to have it in Strongsville. Then last week we got the no vote and I'm still not sure exactly why.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Carter (cont'd) - I would hope that tonight that you guys would reconsider your motion on Ordinance No. 2017-001. That if you guys would please take a revote on that. It's going to help clean up the eyesore in the city and maybe get an opportunity to develop 25 acres on that side of town that's right now not developable due to utilities. Thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Nadeem Koussa.

Nadeem Koussa, 18871 Saratoga Trail, Strongsville, OH: Nadeem Koussa, 18871 Saratoga Trail, Strongsville, Ohio. Three months ago, I brought to the council meeting my concern about the carpet flooring underneath all the machines in the cardio section at the Strongsville Rec Center. I believe, Mr. Mayor Perciak made comments about his cardio at home. He has a rubber mat underneath it. Really, we cannot lose anything because any cost for that change would be paid by the taxpayer money and member fee. I appreciate the phone call I received two days later from Mr. Bryan Bogre letting me know he's looking into making the flooring underneath the machine to be more in technical code and cleaning friendly. That will benefit all the members and employees that work at the center. While I'm talking about the rec center, I would like to talk about two more concerns. First one is about the small washable towels. It's like 8 by 14 inches. The rec center provided those on a daily basis for almost 8 months. Then about 8 weeks ago, they stopped providing the towels because the towel numbers were declining, sharply due to somebody who was stealing them. This is not a good solution. Instead of fixing the problem by printing or stamping on the towel, "Property of Strongsville Rec," you know, we let the investment by buying the washer and dryer detergent, cabinets, dry cleaning bins, towels, and the whole investment goes down the drain and going back to the old way of dripping sweat over the carpet on your way from the machine you are working on to the paper towel dispenser where there are three dispensers, paper towel dispensers, on the whole floor. The last concern is the safety of the members who use the swimming pool for water exercise or swimming. I want to make clear that all the lifeguards are getting paid for their job. I did some drawing, hopefully, it will help to make my concern clear. There are two swimming pools. I don't know if everybody knows the rec center. Two swimming pools at the rec center across from each other. First one is the shallow water range from the depth range of one foot deep to like five feet deep. It is located on the east side with the three stations for the lifeguards around it and west to it, the deep swimming pool. It ranges in depth between four feet to 15 feet deep with three stations for the lifeguards around it. I will explain in the first drawing the swimming pool being used by Strongsville Swim Team practice and toddler swim class accompanied by their mothers, sometimes. (*Referring to the diagram*) These are the two swimming pools. This is the toddler, the shallow one. This is the deep one. Along here, 75 feet. When the swim team classes happen, there are two stations here filled with the lifeguards because they are concerned about any accidents happening and the toddler would be using this and then a swimming lifeguard here and lifeguard here. Okay? 75 feet. That's about 2/3rd deep.

Mr. Dooner – Mr. Koussa?

Mr. Koussa – Yes?

Mr. Dooner – You've used your five minutes. You can probably contact Mr. Bogre and talk to him about this as well, in a little bit more detail.

Mr. Koussa – I'm sorry if you don't want me to finish my concern, it is a public safety issue. I will bring it next time. I will bring it back here...

Mr. Dooner – How much more do you have to go?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Koussa – It's probably three minutes. Two minutes.

Mr. Dooner – Okay, I'll give you two.

Mr. Koussa – (*Referring to the diagram*) Here is the second picture. The minute the swim team class is gone and the class for toddlers finished, there are only two swimming lifeguards. Where are they sitting? This is the deepest one. They bring the chairs here, next to each other and they are sitting next to each other. One is this way and one is that way. What is the proper way to be really ready to save somebody drowning in the 13 feet deep? While they are talking. After seeing both pictures taking place almost every weekday. I brought the concern, a year ago, to a supervisor in the water activity section. The answer was, because it's too early for these young lifeguards to stay awake. They sit next to each other to be able to stay awake to do their job which is keeping all members using the swimming pool safe. Lately, I brought the same concern to Mr. Bogre. About two months ago. Mr. Bogre's response was, "Those lifeguards, they practice the head counts of the swimming people in the swimming pool." I'm sorry, I may be over reacting but what does that mean? Is the only two lifeguards, sitting next to each other and talking to each other, does that mean they were counting heads when they were talking to each other? I have a few questions. Who has the higher chance for accident in the water? The person who is on the swim team or the regular person who uses the water activity once in a while? If this is your own swimming pool, while your kids and friends and relatives using this swimming pool, will you let...will you accept 50% of the two lifeguards or will you demand 100% of guarding your family and friends? How often does the swimming drill happen? When they do it, how many lifeguards are in the drill? Do we put more value in the swim team members than regular members? Do we believe texting and driving is a safe way to be a responsible driver? The last question, if a tragic accident happened due to negligence's or irresponsible behavior continue to happen, who is responsible? The lifeguards or the rec center or the City of Strongsville? I appreciate looking into this. Addressing my three concerns for the safety and health and well-being of all the residents of Strongsville City and all the members of the Strongsville Rec Center and the employees. Knowing all the City workers, Police Department, Fire Department are getting paid by the taxpayer's money, members and membership money. Thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you, Mr. Koussa. We will bring that up with the rec department. That is the end of our sign-in sheet. Is there anyone else who would like to address council?

Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Good evening. How are you guys doing? Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road. It was funny that Joe brought up the budget cuts that are taking place because that was a big concern. I was not in here when you did the school board minutes but I don't know, was that brought up at the school board? I mean I know they've been talking about it at other meetings, but...

Mr. Dooner – The Superintendent Cameron Ryba will be speaking here at the next council meeting to bring us up to speed on exactly, as he went down to the State to address the Senate and I think the House of Representatives and the Finance Committee on what the City of Strongsville is going to lose dollar wise. It's substantial...

Mrs. Roff – It's huge. Yes I saw his report on that. So Mayor, are you going to look into an even more of a tight...I mean I know that you have somebody that goes into that represents your council just to give a report. Is it too much of an overlap for the city to be more in tune with what the school board is facing? I mean that's...as much as Aaa business rating, schools are huge...

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – Well, there is...we're going to do whatever the Superintendent and the board ask us to do. If he wants me or they want me to do something in particular, I will be happy to accommodate them. But I haven't been asked at this point, to go to Columbus or make any contacts whatsoever. I will cooperate as I always have with the schools. I believe that Superintendent Ryba is doing a fantastic job and I tell that to everybody. He knows I am available and he calls me at 5 o'clock in the morning when school's not going to open. We communicate.

Mrs. Roff – Okay. I mean...because it's important. I mean without our school system, we definitely don't have a city. I mean public school is, I know a lot of people go to different directions, but the public school system is a big backbone of a city. Also, I just wanted, could you extend a thank you to your father-in-law for coming all the way down here? I know that I tried to get him to come to many meetings during the controversy of the slip ramp, but he couldn't make it down here.

Mr. Southworth – Sure, I'll talk to him tonight.

Mrs. Roff – I was glad to see you had some or maybe somebody had some influence to get him down here. I hope it wasn't just to grandstand during all the elections going on and you know, I don't want our traffic issue to be an agenda for people's messages to get across. I think what he was doing down there was great. I'm glad he took the step to do that. I'm glad that we took the step to pull the plug so that he had the opportunity to do that. Hopefully, you're going to be more on board now-in tune with your father-in-law then pulling in a different direction...

Mr. Southworth – And there is one thing we can all agree on, traffic is a mess and Tom was absolutely right.

Mrs. Roff – Oh yea! It's terrible. Believe me, I don't have an option to go any other direction. I'm...there is only one direction that I can go. So hopefully, yeah, we can get that, you know, that moving in that direction and maybe you can put out some information online or something of who...the information that you gave to the Governor and we can follow in that, as citizens, follow in that direction.

Mr. Southworth – I offered to testify down in Columbus.

Mrs. Roff – Okay. I just don't, like I said, I don't want our traffic issue to...you know...to be put on a backburner or to be passed over by grandstanding either. I'm hoping that doesn't happen. I guess that's kind of all I have. My biggest thing was the budget cut that the school is going to take.

Mr. Dooner – He'll be here next Monday so, if you want to come to the meeting. He will be here and speaking at the same time...

Mrs. Roff – Two...

Mr. Dooner – Senator...

Mrs. Roff – Two Mondays?

Mr. Dooner – Yes, two weeks. Our first meeting in April.

Mrs. Roff – Beautiful, thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Dooner – You're welcome.

Mrs. Roff – Thanks guys.

Felix Fedor, 18562 Evergreen Drive, Strongsville, OH: Good evening. My name is Felix Fedor, 18562 Evergreen Drive here in Strongsville. I wasn't going to speak this evening. I had no intention of it but I believe Mr. Carbone mentioned my name about the Heritage Home program. I first found out about it from a councilman in Middleburg Heights who told me about their first year when they found out about it and made it available. Their first year, they had four people go into it. They're in their third year now and they have over 400 residents who have taken advantage of it. It's a heck of an advantage for the individual homeowner who has a home that's over 50 years of age and it's advantage for the city because many cases, as a home is repaired, they may be bringing it up to code and increasing the value of the home, which in turn, may make for higher taxes in the future years. The program is fantastic. It's a ten year program. It's at a fixed rate of interest. Right now, it's approximately 2% and that is a pretty low rate in today's environment even though rates are lower than they've been in many years. They're starting to creep up a little bit but the 2% is pretty good. I was surprised that Strongsville was not involved. When I first heard about it, I called the city and I don't recall the lady's name, she sent me a brochure and a two page letter saying, "Hey Strongsville has this program." I went to one of the two banks that provides the financing for this, KeyBank and First Federal of Lakewood, I believe is the other one. The KeyBank people said, "Hey Strongsville is not involved." I said, "You've got to be kidding me." "No there not." So I called down to the county to find out about this. Strongsville is not involved. I thought it was a mistake. I found out that Strongsville was at one time involved but then did not renew their paperwork to continue it. But I would encourage the city and especially members of council to make this maybe an emergency resolution to get involved with this again because it is an advantage for everybody. There are no losers in this. I just think it's a fantastic program. There are a couple other things I was going to say, but as I said, I was not prepared to speak this evening until I heard my name mentioned. I figured somebody opened up the door baby, here we go. I would encourage the city though, in all seriousness to get involved because there are a lot of homes that are over 50 years of age in Strongsville, despite all the new construction that is continually going on. There is, there are a lot, oh and by the way, these have to be used for home improvement. They can't be used to install a swimming pool or a hot tub or anything along those lines. This has to be used for home improvement which I think is a big advantage all the way around. They will also send out, as they told me, people to help the individual homeowner in getting bids and how to do this and how to do that. If there are any questions, I'll answer them to the best of my ability. If not, thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Anyone else who would like to address council?

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2017-039 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR 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. 2017-039 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-040 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY THE PLAT OF FIELDSTONE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 3-THE ENCLAVE AT FIELDSTONE PRESERVE, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, 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. 2017-040 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2017-041 by Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO ACCEPT FOR DEDICATION CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN FIELDSTONE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 3-THE ENCLAVE AT FIELDSTONE PRESERVE, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, 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. Resolution No. 2017-041 ADOPTED.

Mr. Carbone – If I could make a...say something before I vote. My vote is going to be yes, but I'd really like to look at our zoning with clusters with townhouses. Our residential, we've been talking about this since 2008. Again in 2012 and 13. There is room for improvement and I think us, as a group, we really have to look, moving forward, even though we have limited land, what we can do to work with our developers and builders, but also be conscious of what our current residents are going through and provide the best product we can on both sides. So my vote is a yes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2017-042 by Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2018 BRAUN TYPE I MEDIUM DUTY FREIGHTLINER M2 SUPER CHIEF AMBULANCE UNIT WITH RELATED VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS AND APPURTENANCES FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 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. 2017-042 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-043 by Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, 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. 2017-043 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-044 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, 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. 2017-044 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

*Application for Permit: **STCK-D1-D2-D3-D3A-D6**: To: Franklins Strongsville Grill & Bar; **DBA: BW3 Buffalo Wild Wings, 8465 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136** (Responses must be postmarked no later than 04/03/2017).*

There were no objections to this permit application.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Dooner adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

April 3, 2017
Date of Approval