

## SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY APRIL 3, 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, April 3, 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, Service Director Joe Walker, 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, 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. 2017-012 is a rezoning ordinance for property located at 22044 Royalton Road (PPN 392-08-002). It was given a favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing for this tonight. Pending no issues or concerns, Mr. Daymut asked council to vote their conscience on this legislation. Mr. Dooner asked if anyone had any objections to this legislation; no one replied. Ordinance No. 2017-045 is authorizing the mayor to enter into a grant program agreement with the NEORS (Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District) in connection with the Drake Road/Bowman Drive/Fetzer Drive sanitary sewer project. The grant is in the amount of \$617,165.00. The recommendation was suspension and adoption for that legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2016-046. This is authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the Fawn Meadow Lane and Ivywood Court Waterline Replacement Project. The contract is with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$678,576.02. Mayor Perciak advised the city will try to keep the construction aggravation down to a minimum for the residents on Trillium. Mr. Daymut advised there are still a few parts of the city where there are just wells. He requested these areas be looked at in the future. Mr. Short asked for clarification on why Fabrizi was chosen because the costs for the materials was higher than the next bidder. Mr. Mikula advised Fabrizi does these waterline programs and are familiar with this type of project. Ordinance No. 2017-047 is authorizing the mayor to enter into a grant of easement for sanitary sewer system purposes with True North Energy, LLC. This is the Shell gas station located at 15635 Royalton Road. They will be tying into the city's sanitary sewer main. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Mr. DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-048; an ordinance authorizing the mayor to apply for financial assistance under the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) law enforcement grants program. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-049. This is an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with TAC Computer, Inc. for continuation of software and maintenance services for use by the police department, fire department and the regional dispatch center. David Sems advised the contract is for quarterly payments of roughly \$12,000.00/quarter. This is the same system used by North Royalton, Berea, and Olmsted falls as well as 30 other communities surrounding us. Mr. Sems advised if we didn't do this, the city would be looking at a replacement cost of up to a million dollars for new software. Mr. Short asked how long we have had the TAC system. Mr. Sems advised since 2005. Mayor Perciak advised other communities have tried to work outside this system and it did not work out. Resolution No. 2017-050 is to accept the donation of one bullet and stab vest for use by Chase, the police department K-9. The donation is in the amount of \$1,050.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation.

Resolution No. 2017-051 is to advertise for bids for self-contained breathing apparatus units and related equipment for use by the fire department. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation.

Building and Utilities Committee: Chairman Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-052. This is to enter into a contract for the emergency purchase, replacement and installation of the HVAC boiler and heater units in the city's police department and council chamber building. The contract is with The K Company, Inc. in the amount of \$82,729.63. Because this is without public bidding, all seven votes of council are required for this legislation to pass.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Chairman Southworth recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-053. This is to enter into a rental/occupancy agreement with the Stallions Athletic Organization on a limited basis for 2017. Resolution No. 2017-054 is to accept a cash donation of \$2,000.00 to be used for the woodshop located at the recreation and senior center. The donation is from Edward L. Vandusen. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this resolution.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised there are no ordinances or resolutions in his committee tonight. He will give a brief on the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting on the floor of council. The next meeting will be Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center. He also advised there will be a future meeting with Ohio State for the residential survey.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2017-055. This is a resolution granting permission to transfer certain certificates for burial rights in the cemetery.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Dooner advised Ordinance No. 2017-027 is to enact a new Chapter 876, "Use of Public Ways by Service Providers", of the codified ordinances. This will be amended by substitution and placed on second reading this evening. Mr. Jamison advised there were two changes to the legislation. ATT requested these amendments and Mr. Jamison agreed to them. These are to regulate the small cell towers in our public right-of-ways. PUCO has to be notified of this legislation; then the city has to wait 45 days after that notice to pass the legislation. Mr. Schonhut asked if there have been any lawsuits pertaining to this. Mr. Jamison advised there are current lawsuits with Cleveland and Toledo, along with other communities. Mr. DeMio asked what would happen if the person requesting to erect one of these towers left the area and whose responsibility would it be to take it down. Mr. Jamison advised there is verbiage in the legislation that if the tower is left abandoned; the building commissioner is empowered to address that situation. Mr. Jamison stated the purpose of this legislation is to make sure the process is followed and make sure these towers are not interfering with existing utilities. Mr. DeMio asked who would be paying to take down an abandoned tower. Mr. Jamison advised the city would try to assess the owner. If not, the city would pay for the cost. Mr. Short asked if the cities involved in the current litigation win under Home Rule, what would happen regarding this legislation. Mr. Jamison advised if this needed modified or removed in the future, we could always go back to do that.

Mr. Dooner advised there is a presentation tonight by the school superintendent, Cameron Ryba, regarding school funding with the State. There will also be the administration of the Oath of Office to newly-appointed Police Sergeant, Jacob. A. Knipp. There will be a conditional objection to the liquor permit for Stephens Ventures, LLC.

Mr. Short advised there will a finance committee meeting on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the mayor's conference room.

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
APRIL 3, 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, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, 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 20, 2017 were approved as submitted.

**APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:**

***Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Police Sergeant, Jacob A. Knipp.***

Mayor Perciak – Good evening everyone, this evening it is an honor and a privilege to administer the Oath of Office to our newly-appointed Police Sergeant, Jacob A. Knipp. Jacob, Janie, do you want come up?

Mr. Fender – It is my pleasure tonight to introduce Jake as a new sergeant. We had a retirement, Rob Kustis has retired. He's the replacement. Jake Knipp attended the Baldwin Wallace University and graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice in 2007. Later that year, he graduated from the 120<sup>th</sup> Class of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. Jake has served with the Strongsville Police Department for 10 years. As a member of the department, Jake has served as a field training officer and is also a member of the Honor Guard. Jake is married to Janie and we have a wonderful son, Jackson. Janie will be pinning the badge tonight.

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

(Applause)

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

***Presentation by Strongsville City Schools Superintendent Cameron M. Ryba regarding school funding with the State.***

Mr. Dooner – We now have a presentation by the Strongsville City School Superintendent Cameron M. Ryba regarding the school funding with the State of Ohio.

***At this time, Mr. Ryba gave his presentation. A copy of this PowerPoint is attached to the back of these minutes.***

Mayor Perciak – Hold on Cameron, as you know, I'm available if you need me to go down there. I have testified before both committees for several different things. I'd be happy to testify and do whatever I can to be of assistance to our schools and to our school children.

Mr. Ryba – Thank you Mayor, we have...besides the opportunity George is taking on Wednesday, I will have one more opportunity to testify before the Senate; so I will reach out to the group who we are working with and that would be wonderful if we could go down there together. Thank you for that offer; it is very generous.

Mayor Perciak – I'd be happy to do that. And by the way, Senator Dolan knows how I feel about this already.

Mr. Ryba – Thank you. Thank you for your time.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance No. 2017-012** by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 22044 ROYALTON ROAD, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM GI (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) CLASSIFICATION TO R1-125 (ONE FAMILY 125) CLASSIFICATION (PPN 392-08-002). *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 02-06-17. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 02-09-17. Second reading 02-21-17. Public hearing 04-03-17.*

*Council President Dooner opened the Public Hearing on this matter and invited anyone wishing to speak **IN FAVOR** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council at this time.*

Keith Walsh, 22044 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH: Hi, I'm Keith Walsh, I'm the owner of the property.

Mr. Dooner – Could you give us your address?

Mr. Walsh – 22044 Royalton Road. I just want to thank the opportunity to rezone it. It has to be rezoned because it doesn't have two acres of (unintelligible) industrial. Since the road was widened, it took away some of my property. It makes it easier to purchase or sell and that's how it has to go. I want to thank Strongsville and all the people over at Foltz Parkway for helping putting in all the work for this.

Mr. Daymut - You're in favor of the ordinance, correct?

**PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**

Mr. Walsh – Yes I am.

*Mr. Dooner then invited anyone wishing to speak **IN OPPOSITION** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council.*

(No Comments)

*Hearing no further comments in regard to this matter, Council President Dooner closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.*

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Dooner:** There was no school board meeting because of spring break so I have nothing to report, thank you.

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Carbone:** At the last meeting the board approved a billion dollar plus capital improvement project. It's a sterilizing unit that they have at the hospital. The project is going to begin in May and end in October. This is where they sterilize all the utensils used in the hospital. Also, the Cleveland Clinic in Brunswick, OB unit, there were four independent doctors who are no longer there; so the hospital is currently in contact with them to maybe bring them over to the hospital which would bring great opportunity to be able to expand the hospital and what they do in the services. Lastly, they also hired a new Gastroenterologist which he does a specialized service that the hospital does not do at this point. So again, another opportunity to expand at the hospital. That ends my report.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Carbone.

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:**

\* See Communications and Technology Committee below \*

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have one ordinance on the agenda tonight, Ordinance No. 2017-052. This is with The K Company and that was to fix the boiler/heater system here in this building and the police headquarters and the jail. I ask that we suspend and adopt that tonight. I am going to roll right into Communications and Technology in which I have nothing to report but I will happily take any questions 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'll give a brief report on our meeting of March 27<sup>th</sup>. We did review our breakfast meeting for Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to thank Congressman Renacci. It was well attended and an excellent presentation. Our next business breakfast meeting is yet to be determined. It may be in September. As soon as we determine that I will let the council know. We had no report from our tech committee. Concerning our residential survey, our census and our retail committee, we're trying to formulate the retail committee. We have a tentative date for Mr. Painter and me to meet with David Civittolo from the Ohio State University. We'll report back to you as soon as we determine what happens from that particular meeting and what advice he can give us about how to move forward on the retail committee. We're scheduling a tour of Strongsville, hopefully in the month of April here, of our three industrial parks. The Polaris Career Fair was March 29<sup>th</sup>. It was very well attended by some of our businesses here in Strongsville.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut (cont'd):** We appreciate everything Polaris does for us with that career fair. We are in the process of determining our Strongsville Business Expo. Tentatively, we've set that for November 16<sup>th</sup>. As soon as it's defined we'll let you know. We did review The Strongsville Corporate and Relocation Guide and Community Profile for updates. We're in the process of perhaps surveying our business and industrial partners to see what their needs are as far as workforce goes. I'll keep you abreast of that as soon as we are able to accomplish that. Our next meeting will be Monday

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

**FINANCE – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda. As a reminder, there is a meeting of the Finance Committee next Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the mayor's conference room. That concludes my report and I'll take any questions.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Short.

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut:** Thank you Mr. Dooner, Planning, Zoning and Engineering met this evening. We discussed Ordinance No.2017-012 on this evening's agenda. We just had a public hearing on that particular ordinance to change the zoning classification at 22044 Royalton Road from general industrial to residential-125. I ask that you vote your conscience on that particular ordinance this evening. Also, we discussed Ordinance No. 2017-045. This is a member community for infrastructure grant program agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. We were able to ascertain funds for the Drake Road/Bowman Drive/Fetzer Drive sanitary sewer project to the tune of \$617,165.00. I ask that we suspend and adopt that this evening. We discussed Ordinance No 2017-046. That's the contract for the Fawn Meadow Lane and Ivywood Court waterline replacement. Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co. was the low bidder at \$678,576.02. I ask that we suspend and adopt that this evening. Finally, Ordinance No. 2017-047; that's a grant of easement for sanitary sewer system for True North Energy. That's the Shell station at Royalton Road and I-71. They are in the process of rebuilding that particular station. I ask that we suspend and adopt that this evening. That's all I have, thank you Mr. Dooner.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you Ken, before I start, I always want to recognize my favorite County Councilman, Michael Gallagher. I call him Council President/Ward 4 Councilman. He looks like he's ready to fight today. You ready to fight Mike?

Mr. Short – We're still trying to fill those shoes Joe.

Mr. DeMio – We are, those are big shoes Gallagher; but it's always nice, he comes every couple of months to make sure he has a clear and concise understanding of what we're doing. It's awesome that the superintendent and his staff showed up and the two school board members because this is how we work here in Strongsville. Mike, you know that we try our best. We're not perfect, but it's awesome that our superintendent made a very clear and concise report. It makes it very simple to understand how it works; and our school board members, I know that they worked very hard. I had to say that because it's unique. I see some kids here taking notes for their classes. It's important for them to understand what we do here. So getting to our committee, we have a couple of ordinances and resolutions. We have our DARE application that we vote for every year. I might say that our DARE program, and I know Mike knows it because he's helped me with this and the mayor and our former chief of police and our new chief of police work very hard on the DARE grants. We're among the best in the State. We've gotten award after award in the DARE program.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):** We want to continue that. I said this before, Jane Ludwig and I have talked about this a couple of times, that our children feel comfortable talking to the police of this city when there are issues. It's not just that they talk about drugs and safety, it's the communication that they have with our students. Chief, please thank the officers. I mean, they go out there and dance with the kids; they have fun with them; they came to association parties, they're awesome. I want you to extend from this council a tremendous gratitude for all they do; not just that education but that link between police and young-to-be adults. I want to thank you and share that. Mayor, as always, thank you for getting that money. To your grant writers, I'm looking forward to the latest amount. And also on a great subject, we have a donation to our dog Chase; \$1050.00 for the vest-the bullet proof vest. Chase is an extraordinary dog and I don't know if the mayor will allow...maybe our chief could tell the folks quickly what Chase does and why it's important to have that vest.

Mr. Fender – I sure will. Chase is a multi-purpose dog training for a drug identification alert and also tracking; so the dog is utilized for both areas. We're real pleased because his vest will provide stab and bullet protection for the dog as it's used primarily to help us overcome some violent people.

Mr. DeMio – That's great stuff; so we thank the donation of folks that donated. That's great stuff so we thank them. Chief, again, make sure that vest fits Chase because we want to keep him healthy for a long time. We'll talk about the TAC computers in a minute. Mayor, allowing your director to talk a little bit about that if we could; but before we go into that, I just want to...we're going out advertising for our breathing apparatus. We'll come back to this council to see where we're at on that. If we now could talk about the TAC computer and why this process is what it is and why it's going to save this city over a million dollars if we do it, and the process we've been doing it for the last couple...since I've been around with Charlie Goss and the other chiefs and this council. So if it's okay with the mayor...and mayor, the reason I keep on saying the savings that we incur here, the million dollars in savings, that's really important why this is not a full bid process; it's without bidding.

Mr. Sems – So the software that we used is used by all of our dispatchers. It's used by all of our police officers. It keeps the records for all activity within our safety forces. So it's critical what we do from a technology standpoint and a software standpoint. TAC Computer is a supplier of that software and we have looked and will continue to look if there are different or better solutions out there, but the current solutions that we looked at would cost in excess of a million dollars to implement. This is also the same software that is used by all of our regional partners-Olmsted Falls, Berea, North Royalton and ourselves, plus about 30 other communities in Cuyahoga County use this software. It is a key piece of software that is used and it allows for law enforcement to share information back and forth. It's really the heart of what we do in terms of software for safety forces.

Mr. DeMio – And it's under \$50,000.00, correct?

Mr. Sems – This is under \$50,000.00; it's a quarterly payment that we make for support and updates. We just did this because we sometimes we have need for customization of the software.

Mr. DeMio – Any addition to that mayor?

Mayor Perciak – None this evening, and I think they covered it very well. I don't know if the chief wants to chime in on anything on this or the safety director.

Mr. Fender – There's really nothing more that I can add mayor; but it really is essential for the operations of that dispatch center and the service to our police officers and emergency services, thank you.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

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

Mayor Perciak – Charlie?

Mr. Goss – I would just add that this ordinance covers software upgrades and maintenance. The fees that are associated with it are competitive with other CAD (computer aided dispatch) vendors. This is going forward with no bid because it's proprietary. I think it's important to point out that the fees associated with it are very competitive.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you, Ken...unless there's any questions from council or any director, I would like to close the committee please.

Mr. Dooner – Thanks Joe.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone:** Yes, I have one resolution this evening, Resolution No. 2017-055. This is a resolution granting permission to transfer certain certificates for burial rights in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. That's all I have this evening.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Carbone.

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth:** Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have Ordinance No. 2017-053. This is allowing the Strongsville Stallion's Athletic Association to use our fields the last weekend in April for a big tournament they are having. The recommendation on that piece of legislation is to suspend and adopt. The other piece of legislation is a resolution accepting \$2,000.00 from Edward L. Vandusen to be used at the senior center's workshop. I want to thank him personally for getting that. It's great to see private citizens contributing in such fashion for the greater good. Again, thank you Mr. Vandusen, and the recommendation is suspend and adopt. That's all that I have.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Dooner:** We have Ordinance No. 2017-027. This is an ordinance concerning use of public ways by service providers for small cell towers. We're going to place this on second reading.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK**

(No report)

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:** Thank you Mr. Dooner, funds are available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding. That ends my report, thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.



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

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison:** Thank you Mr. President, all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That concludes my report.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Dooner – We've come to the portion of our program for audience participation. We have no sign-ins. Is there anyone who would like to speak to council this evening? Please state your name and address for the record and you have five minutes.

Kelly Kosek, 12542 Coopers Run, Strongsville, OH: Thank you, mayor and councilmen, my name is Kelly Kosek. I live at 12542 Coopers Run. At the city council meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Daymut announced the city had received a response to its master plan grant application with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. At that time, there was an indication that there would be some ongoing discussions with the planning commission's executive director; but we haven't heard any additional information about that grant. At the February meeting, Mr. Painter indicated that the grant was for \$30,000.00 and the city would need to add \$30,000.00 to get the master plan completed. I would urge the city to accept the grant money and agree to fund the additional \$30,000.00 for the master plan. As we've seen with the Fieldstone Preserve issue, the city needs to update its codes and create a comprehensive plan for the future. The city is at a crossroads from a development perspective. Do we want more cluster homes? Do we have a plan for extending sidewalks and improving walk ability? Do we have guideline requirements for new commercial buildings so that our buildings and community looks its best? Do we have plans or goals for family amenities, like an ADA compliant playground or a splash pad? Without a comprehensive plan, the development that happens will happen in a hodgepodge manner and we'll be left with an eyesore that lacks cohesion. These are just a few of the issues that need to be considered. We should look at the master plan as an opportunity to open a dialogue with Strongsville residents and city hall. I've spoken with many residents who feel that there is a disconnect and a lack of communication coming from city hall. I urge council to move forward with the master plan and to communicate openly with the residents about it. I understand from talking to residents that in the past under Mayor Ehrnfelt that there was a citizens advisory committee. The committee acted as a sounding board for city council and addressed community issues like the Freedom Trail or having students working with recycling. A citizen's advisory committee could engage city council and city hall in a two-way dialogue where the citizens' perspectives and their friends and neighbor's perspectives could be heard and discussed. That sort of dialogue simply can't happen during meetings that we have like I'm talking to you right now because it's not back and forth. Getting a cross section of residents to come together and offer ideas and offer comments would allow us to create a master plan that would really address the issues in Strongsville and allow us to have greater success in the next 15-20 years. Getting a master plan complete with the thoughtful input from our residents is crucial to Strongsville's future. I hope the council will take the steps to move forward with the master city plan in creating a citizens advisory commission, thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to address council?

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Leslie Hohenfeld, 18183 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Reluctantly I'm sorry, but I need to speak out. My name is Leslie Hohenfeld. I'm at 18183 Howe Road in Strongsville. I was told a few months ago that there is ordinance or a zoning regulation that requires a certain number of trees and greenery per acre of commercial development. Do I understand that correctly? Anybody?

Mayor Perciak – It's your turn to talk, you talk.

Ms. Hohenfeld – I'm just asking. Am I correct in understanding that?

Unidentified Voice – (unintelligible)

Ms. Hohenfeld – Okay, it doesn't look or appear as if that's being enforced. I look at new developments all the time and I noticed there's not a single tree in those developments. There's a new restaurant and at this place that's...you can see it from here. It's the Justice something or other. Its part of, I guess, Justice Granite and they also have a restaurant there (Architectural Justice). There's not a single tree in that parking lot or in front of it; and I see in so many commercial locations there's no greenery of trees or anything and I'm just wondering what's going on here and why is this not being enforced? I'm also wondering if too...you know, I hear from people all the time that they don't want to move to Strongsville because of this lack of greenery and its appearance and all the building going on without consideration of those things. Perhaps that has something to do with the decline of student enrollment in our city. It certainly has affected how people want to move here or don't want to move here-it's the appearance of the city. I miss the beautiful city I moved here many years ago. It's lost; I would like to see it happen again. If the regulations are there, why not enforce them? Thanks.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Anyone else who would like to address council? Sorry, it's too late.

Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Good evening. Remember, I get 10 minutes today. I have my bulletin boards outside. Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road. I just want to encourage the mayor to take up the offer and the invitation from Mr. Ryba and take a trip down there with him and speak for our school system and the future of our school system and the future of our city really...like you said and I said a couple of weeks ago.

Mayor Perciak – Ann, be assured, you don't have to worry about that.

Ms. Roff – Awesome. Would you like anyone else to go? The whole council I say, no? Actually, I mean if you could grab a couple of buddies that have some say that would be...there's power in numbers, correct? Thank you.

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

(No Comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2017-012 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-027** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 876 "USE OF PUBLIC WAYS BY SERVICE PROVIDERS" OF TITLE TWO OF PART EIGHT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 02-21-17.*

***Motion by Mr. DeMio to amend by substitution, seconded by Mr. Daymut. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

***Placed on second reading and refer back to the committee.***

**Ordinance No. 2017-045** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMBER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, IN CONNECTION WITH FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE DRAKE ROAD, BOWMAN DRIVE AND FETZER DRIVE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, 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. 2017-045 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-046** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE FAWN MEADOW LANE AND IVYWOOD COURT WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT 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. 2017-039 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2017-047** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PURPOSES WITH TRUE NORTH ENERGY, LLC, 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. 2017-047 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-048** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION ("DARE") LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM, 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. 2017-048 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-049** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TAC COMPUTER, INC. FOR CONTINUATION OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE STRONGSVILLE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE CITY'S REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH CENTER, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. 2017-049 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2017-050** by Mayor Perciak and all Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF ONE (1) BULLET AND STAB PROTECTIVE VEST FOR USE BY CHASE, THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 OFFICER.

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. 2017-050 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Resolution No. 2017-051** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBAs) UNITS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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. 2017-051 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-052** Mayor Perciak and Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND MAKE PAYMENT FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE, REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF THE HVAC BOILERS AND HEATER UNITS AT THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON ROYALTON ROAD, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING; 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. 2017-052 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-053** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NON-EXCLUSIVE RENTAL/OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH THE STALLIONS ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR 2017, FOR THE USE OF VARIOUS BASEBALL FIELDS 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. 2017-053 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Resolution No. 2017-054** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$2,000.00 TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO BE USED FOR THE WOODSHOP LOCATED AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER.

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. 2017-054 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2017-055** by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY [Rogers].

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. 2017-055 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

*Application for Permit: TRFO-D5-D6: To: Stephens Ventures, LLC, 14751-53 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 04/14/2017).*

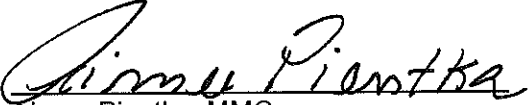
***\*\*Motion by Mr. DeMio, seconded by Mr. Daymut for a conditional objection to the application for permit based upon the applicant's lack of compliance with the City's Building, Health and/or Safety Codes; provided that when and if compliance is confirmed by the Building Department, the Clerk will withdraw the objection in Columbus. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.\*\****

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Southworth – Ken, I just to congratulate some Strongsville students who go to Incarnate Word: Jaden Keirn, John DiFillippo and Owen Southworth and their coach, Strongsville resident Adam Havel. They went the St. Edwards "Classroom of Champions" which is an academic challenge and they won the entire event. In typical fashion, it took three St. Ignatius kids to win the St. Edwards "Classroom of Champions" so...that's for you Steve. They made us all proud.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Dooner adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

  
Aimee Pientka, MMC  
Clerk of Council

April 17, 2017  
Date of Approval



**Impact of  
Governor Kasich's Proposed Budget  
on Strongsville City Schools**

*April 3, 2017*





# Questions/Comments/Feedback?

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About the State of Ohio's Decisions &  
the Impact on Public School Budgets

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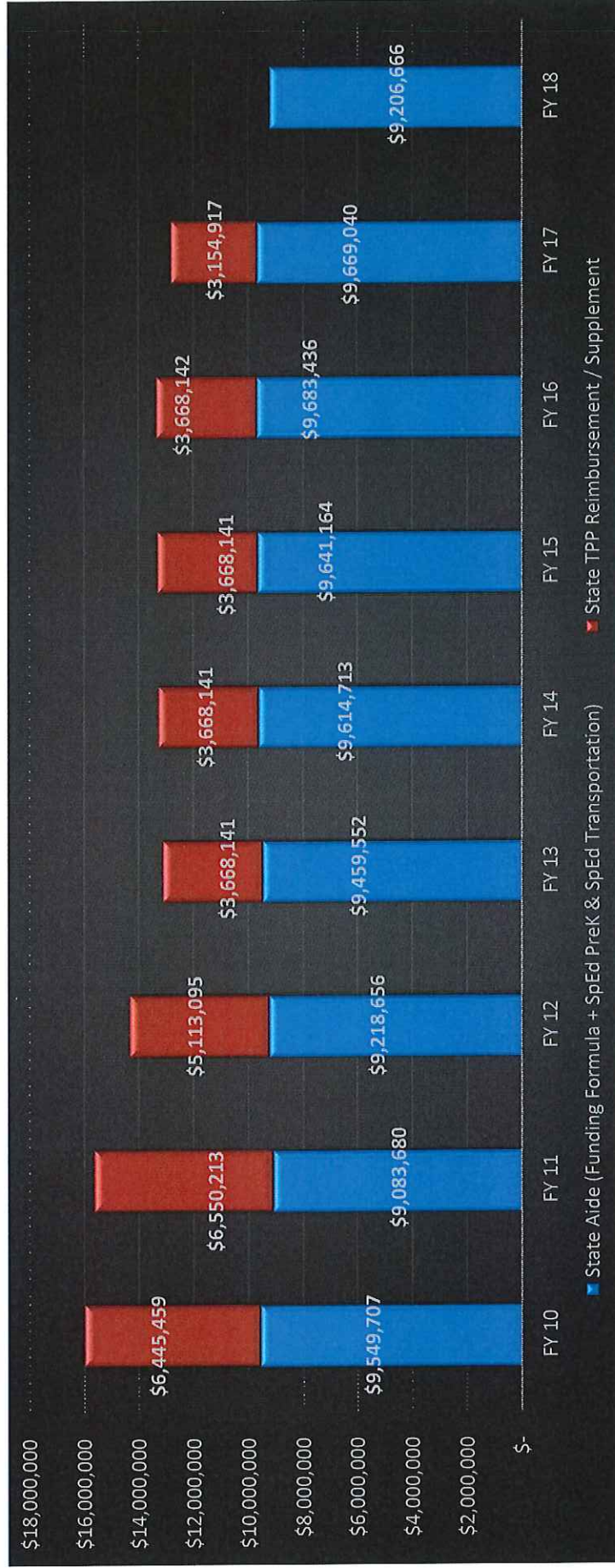
## Governor's State Budget Proposal

- Impact on Strongsville City Schools:

	Current		Proposed		% Change	
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	in Funding	in Funding
	2016	2017	2018	2018	2016-2018	2016-2018
<b>State Funding:</b>						
Funding Formula	\$9,179,159	\$9,186,035	\$8,723,661	(\$463,665)		-5.05%
TPP Funding	\$3,668,141	\$3,154,917	\$0	(\$3,668,141)		-100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,847,300</b>	<b>\$12,340,952</b>	<b>\$8,723,661</b>	<b>(\$4,131,806)</b>		<b>-32%</b>

- Funding Formula amount decreases by \$455,498 or 5%
- TPP phase out remains in place, decrease of \$3,668,141
- **Total decrease** of State Funding = \$4,123,639 (32% change)

## Historical State Funding



Since FY 2010, the District's State Funding has decreased by \$6,788,500 or by 43%, which is the equivalent to 4.63 mill's.

## Financial Prudence Throughout the Years

Through the Districts proactive diligence, we were able to generate the following savings and efficiencies while still providing an exemplary educational experience for our students:

- Since 2009, there are **212 less positions** compared to FY 2017, a 23% decline keeping pace with declining enrollment. If enrollment decline continues, the School District projects to reduce 5 positions in FY 2018 and 9 positions in FY 2019.
  - FY 2016 – Reduced 24 positions (all funds). **(\$1.4 million in savings)**
  - FY 2017 – Reducing 26 positions (all funds). **(\$525 thousand in savings)**
  - FY 2018 – Reducing 5 positions (all funds). **(\$374 thousand in savings)**
  - FY 2019 – Reducing 9 positions (all funds). **(\$700 thousand in savings)**
- Since 2010, the District eliminated six (6) buildings and repurposed one (1) building to save resources and **maximize educational offerings**.
  - Allen closed in 2010; Demolished in 2013.
  - Zellers closed in 2015; Repurposed in 2016
  - Drake, Albion, Center, OPS, and Board Office closed in June 2016; Demolished/Sold by 2017.

## Financial Prudence Throughout the Years (continued)

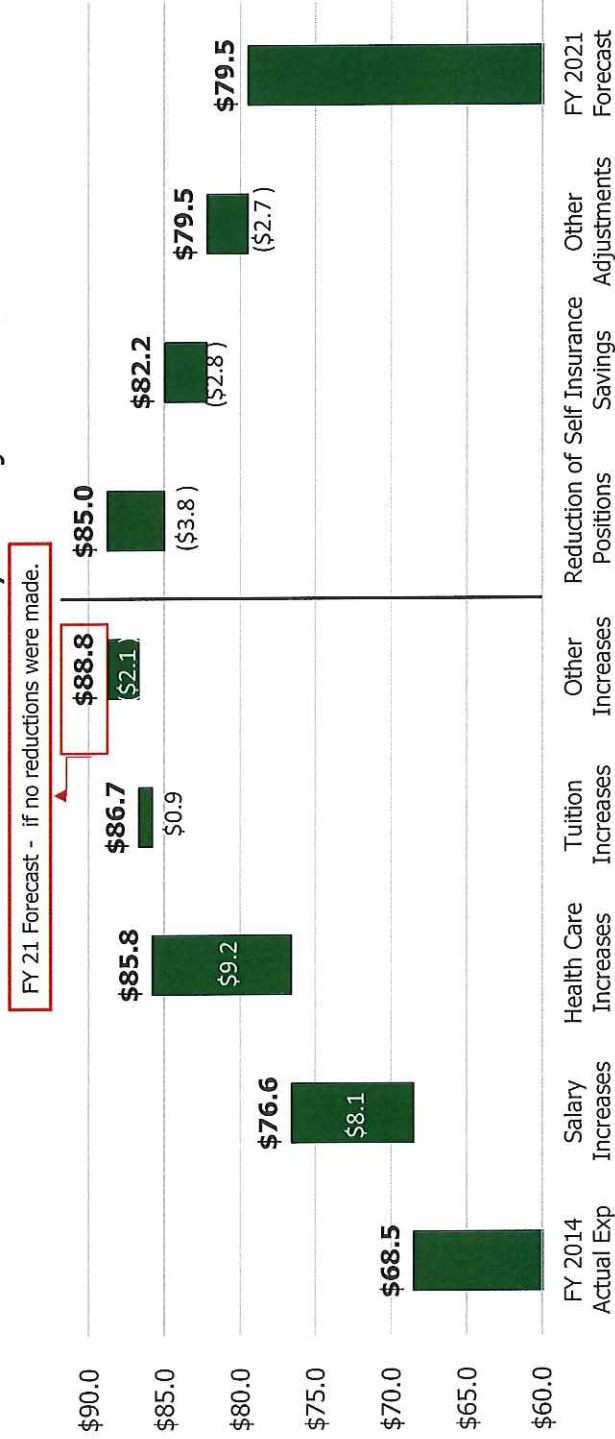
- During FY 14, the District switched to a fully insured health care plan. Since the switch, the District has **saved \$2.8 million** through fiscal year 2016 by being on a self-funded plan compared to a fully insured plan.
- In FY 16, the District implemented Ohio Online Learning Program and now the Strongsville Academy to retain students in the District, which is projected to **save \$200K annually**.
- In FY 17, the District has contracted out the management of its food service operations, as well as implemented new procedures to address delinquent fee payments, which is projected to **save \$300,000 annually**.

# Strongsville City Schools

## FY 2014 – FY 2021 General Fund Summary

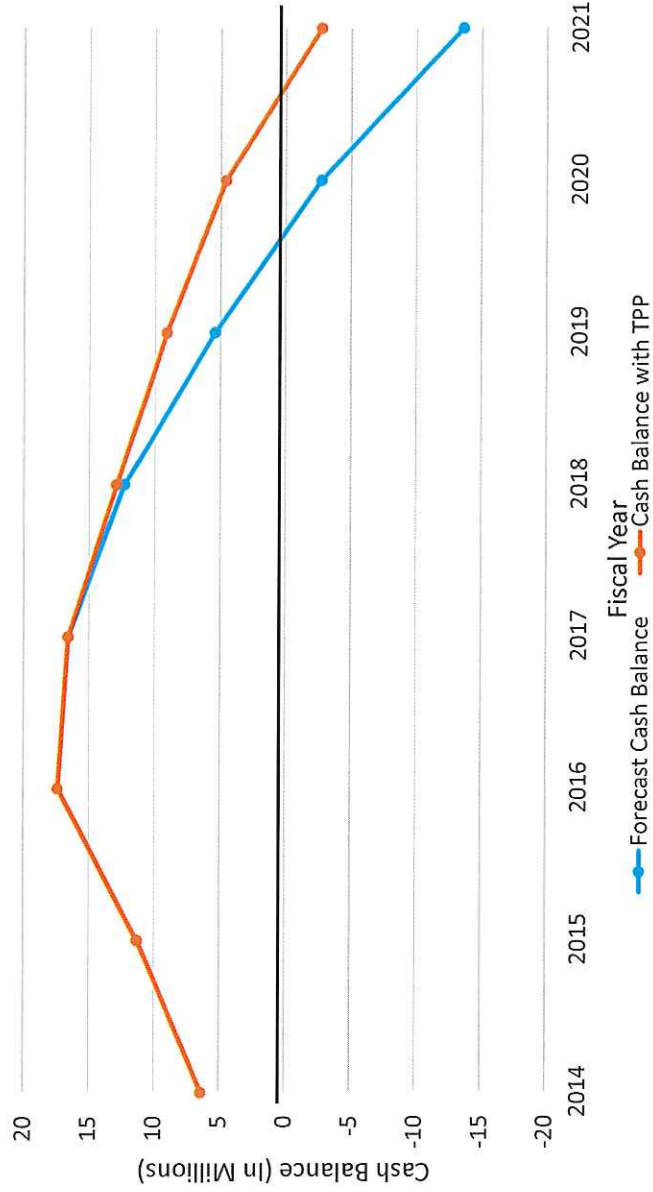
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### Cumulative Summary of Adjustments

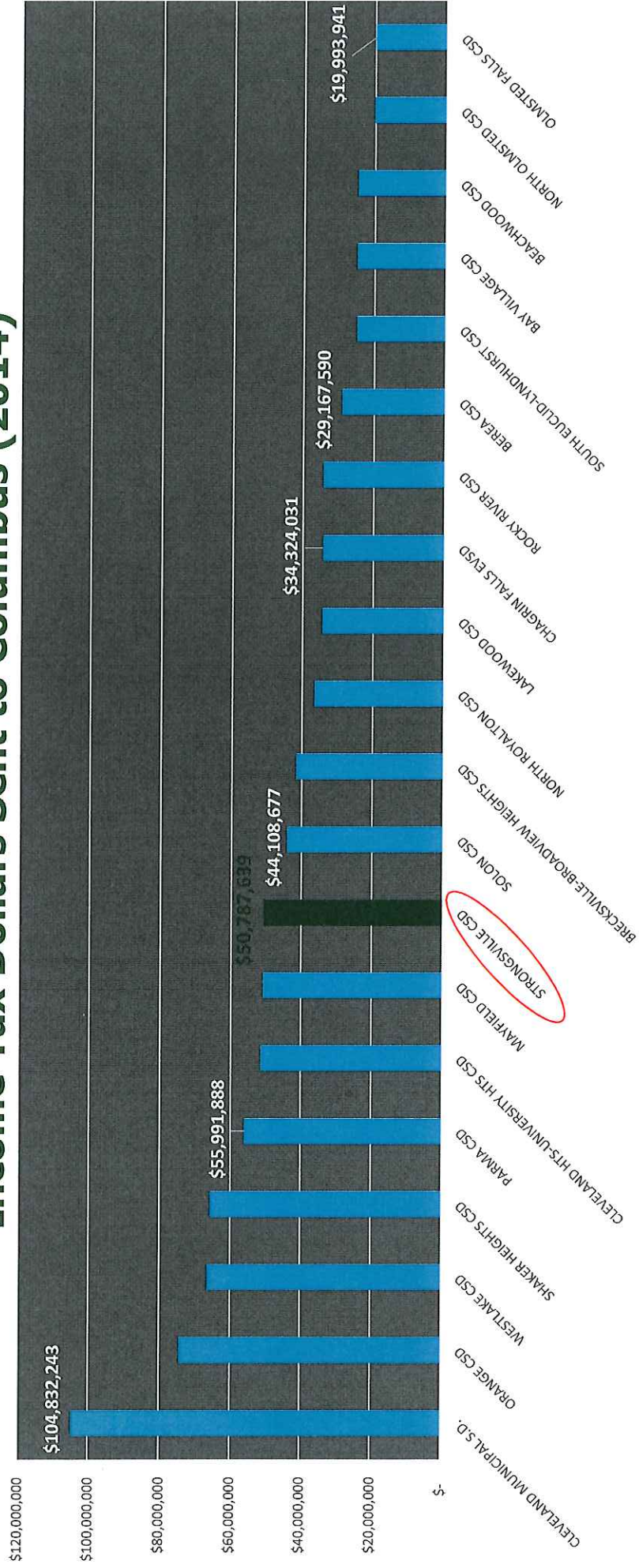


# Strongsville City Schools

## Impact of TPP on Cash Balance

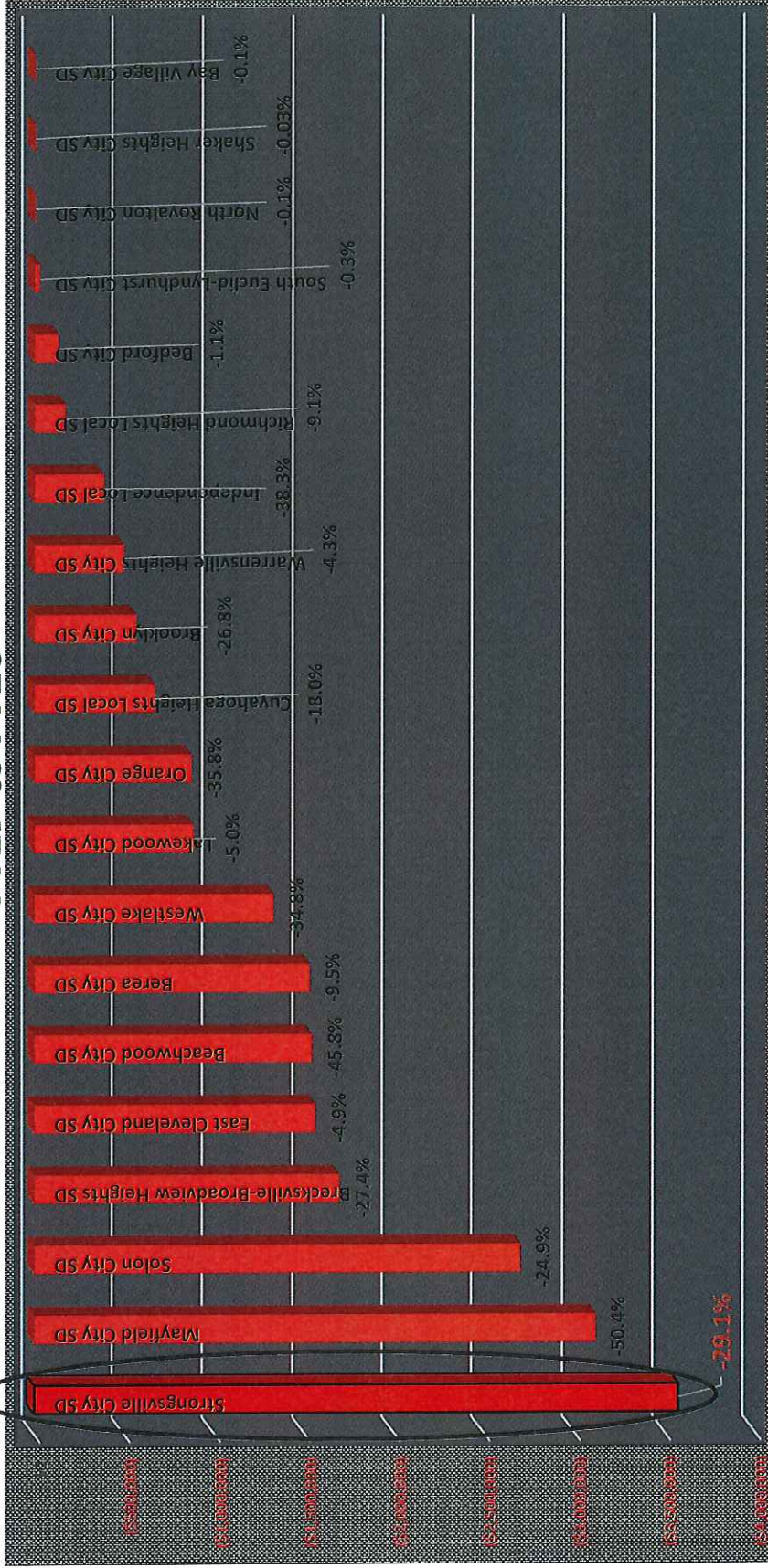


## Top 20 Cuyahoga County School Districts Income Tax Dollars Sent to Columbus (2014)





## State Final Core Aid + LSC TPP (Dollars & Percentage Change) FY17 to FY18



**Questions?**