

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY MAY 1, 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 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Present: Council Members:** Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Matthew A. Schonhut, Duke Southworth, 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, 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 7:30 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Daymut advised Ordinance No. 2017-064 is to rezone property located at 16939 Pearl Road (part of PPN 397-10-009) from PF (public facilities) classification) to GB (general business) classification. This will be placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-065. This is to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission in connection with preparation of a master plan for the city. The cost for this will be \$60,000.00. The grant that was awarded earlier will pay for half (\$30,000.00) of the cost and the city will pay for the other half. Mayor Perciak asked if that amount will be the complete cost or could it be more. Mr. Jamison advised the city's cost will be \$30,000.00. Mr. Schonhut advised the agreement states that's an estimated amount. If there is more time involved, the cost could potentially be higher, but the city would have to agree to that beforehand. Mr. Daymut advised the timeframe is roughly 54 weeks for completion. Resolution No. 2017-030 is to approve of an amended development plan for the Great Escape Plaza to permit construction of a drive-thru restaurant (Starbucks) located at 17200 Royalton Road. The legislation will need to be amended tonight due to a typo error for the permanent parcel number. The recommendation will be to adopt as amended. Mr. Daymut noted that at the public hearing, no one came up to speak regarding this project. Also, no one has come to Mr. Daymut to speak out against this. Mr. Carbone advised there were a couple business owners that advised him they were concerned about the site line from Royalton Road. One owner was going to come to the public hearing but they were out of town. Dooner asked if they will be submitting their bid proposal. Mr. Jamison advised that they would.

### Finance Committee:

***Motion made by Mr. Short, seconded by Mr. DeMio to approve the committee meeting minutes of April 10, 2017. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

Mr. Short recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2017-060. This is a resolution adopting the alternative tax budget information for the City of Strongsville for Fiscal Year 2018. This is to demonstrate the need for the city's current levies. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution Nos. 2017-066 and 2017-067. These are to renew two existing levies for the firefighter's salaries and operating expenses for the fire department as well as for renovating storm sewers and storm drainage ditches. These renewal levies will be on the November ballot.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Chairman Southworth recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-068. This is an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Explosive Fastpitch, LLC for 2017 for the use of various baseball fields.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-069; an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase and replacement of RBC drives to upgrade equipment at the wastewater treatment facility. The contract is with Schultz Process for an amount not to exceed \$64,440.00. Mr. Walker advised that money comes out of the sewer fund. This is a proprietary system and the original company is the only one that provides these drives. Because the amount is over \$50,000.00, it has to come to council for approval. Mr. Walker also advised there was a study done years ago that pointed out a lot of the areas in the plants that needed improvement to keep them in proper working order. This legislation is a part of that. Two of the three drives are replacements; the third one is a spare. Because this is without public bidding, all seven votes of council are required for this legislation to pass. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-070. This is authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of vehicle equipment and tires and related tire services to be used by the service department. The contract is with Sylvester Truck and Tire Service, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$289,647.04. Ordinance No. 2017-071 is authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of asphalt materials for use by the service department. The contract is with Kokosing Materials, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-072; an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for materials and services in connection with the paint striping of certain streets and highways in Strongsville. The contract is with Dura Mark, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$415,650.00. Mr. Schonhut wanted Mr. Walker to clarify why there was only one bidder for this and explain the cost. Mr. Walker advised that amount is the maximum number for cost. He has to bid for both full scale spring and fall painting combined. The whole city is painted in the spring and in the fall just the areas that need touched up. The city has never seen the maximum amount spent. Dura Mark has been doing this for the city for several years now. There were other contractors that inquired about this bid, but they also all requested last year's contract numbers. When they saw what Dura Mark came in at, they all backed out of the bid. Mr. Walker advised we received a competitive bid from Dura Mark and that they do quality work. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-073. This is an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the sweeping of streets. The contract is with Reilly Sweeping, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$168,923.00. Ordinance No. 2017-074 is authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of general pavement services for 2017 for use by the service department. The contract is with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,017,582.50. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt that legislation. Mr. Short asked if that included doing full streets. Mr. Walker advised this is for large water break repairs, pothole repairs, and some small full street repair jobs; anything asphalt related. Mr. Short asked if a list has been provided yet for street asphaltting. Mr. Walker advised he is currently working with the contractor to put together estimates. The first street needing repair will be Sprague Road between Webster Road and W. 130th as well as an area of Drake Road. Mayor Perciak advised this was discussed at the staff meeting today. There are several streets that are in need of repair. In the near future, the administration will review and evaluate all the streets. Then they will present their findings to council. Mayor Perciak advised each councilmen has put their requests in for street replacements; but there are too many to be able to afford the cost associated with it. The city tried to put a levy on the ballot two years ago for street repair and it was defeated. He is asking council to pass along to their constituents the cost concerns when they are asking for their streets to be replaced. Mr. Walker advised that the city is currently at the full useful life for the majority of our streets. They are getting to be beyond just being able to patch them.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised there are no ordinances or resolutions in his committee tonight. He will give a report of the meeting held on April 24<sup>th</sup> on the floor of the council meeting. The next breakfast meeting is tentatively scheduled for either September 14<sup>th</sup> or September 21<sup>st</sup>. Brian Zimmerman from the Cleveland Metroparks will be the guest speaker. The Metroparks will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are also accepting nominations for the Innovation Awards that will be presented at that meeting.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Dooner advised at the next council meeting during caucus Parkview Homes will be making a presentation regarding a new development they are proposing. Mr. Short stated this is in his ward; so if any residents contact them please let him know. Mr. Daymut advised there have been some altercations with motorists on Falling Water Road where they are doing road repair. He asked for help with the traffic situation there. Mr. Jamison advised there are new rules that just recently came out for medical marijuana regarding cultivation. The law department is looking into this and waiting to see what the State's rules will be regarding dispensing. He would like to sit down with the mayor and council to discuss how they would like to proceed moving forward. Mayor Perciak would like the input of the Safety Director, Police Chief and Fire Chief in those discussions.

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
MAY 1, 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, 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, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 17, 2017 were approved as submitted.

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

(None)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Dooner:** At the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the school board they honored all our wonderful students at the high school who have done amazing things this past year. They honored the National Merit Scholarship Program 2017 Commended Students; there were three. Mr. Smithberger recognized Julia Foust, Michelle Kahle and Daniel Morris. These three students were in the top 3% of the country as National Merit Scholarship Commended Students. They also recognized the National Merit Scholarship Program 2017 Finalist. That is Zachary DeLisio. He is in the top 1% percent of the country. There were 15,000 students who were in that program and he was in the top 1%. Then Strongsville High School also recommended the mock trial team for their state competition. They were finalists. Also the DECA team- there were 78 students from the high school that competed in the DECA competition at States. All-in-all, Strongsville students are awfully good.

Mr. Schonhut – I do have one questions Mr. Dooner that Mrs. Ludwig may be able to answer if you can't. Do we know how our DECA students did at Nationals, because I believe that was this past weekend, do we know yet?

Mrs. Ludwig – I'm not sure, they're going to Anaheim.

Mr. Schonhut – Yes, well hopefully they soak up the sun and did well there too; so that's it, thanks.

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Carbone:** Yes, there were two meetings last week that I attended both, on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. On the Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> we had the elections governing the Board of Trustees. Then we discussed them at the Wednesday meeting. I want to congratulate Dr. Sharma, Mr. Thomas Laub and Mr. David Knowles on their election and that ends my report.

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

\* See Communications and Technology Committee below \*

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you Mr. Dooner, for Building and Utilities as well as Communications and Technology I have no ordinances or resolutions tonight but I will happily take any questions for either committee.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut:** Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I will give a brief report of our meeting on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank Mr. Dooner; we did discuss our business network breakfast and he was able to tentatively secure the Director of The Metroparks, Brian Zimmerman, for our September breakfast meeting. That will be either the 14<sup>th</sup> or the 21<sup>st</sup>. At that particular meeting we will have Innovation Awards and/or Community Service Award presented to one of our business partners here so if you have anybody that you would like to nominate, please let me know. We received a report from our tech committee with Ed Oliveros. We did discuss a high school shadowing program and perhaps some internships that might be secured between our business partners and high school; so he will be pursuing that. We will be looking at that. We reviewed our residential surveys with Dick Pinkerton. We had met with David Civittolo with the Ohio State Business Retention and Expansion Survey on April 18<sup>th</sup>. He gave us a lot of good insight, also with the retail committee. I spoke to Dr. Pinkerton and he will be setting up a meeting in June with the subcommittee for a census that we hope to accomplish by the end of the year. As soon as Mr. Painter returns, we will be sitting down and finalizing the mall retail committee and hopefully meet in the month of May and June at the latest. We did discuss a tour of our Strongsville business parks and a possibility of having one of our manufacturers allow us to tour their facility.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut (cont'd):** It's something we've talked about doing for quite a while so we're in the process of scheduling that. We received a Strongsville business update from Mr. Painter. That's all I have on that particular issue. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center. That's all I have Mr. Dooner, thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

**FINANCE – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have three resolutions on tonight's agenda. Resolution No. 2017-060, which is a resolution to adopt the alternative tax budget information for the city to submit to the county. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Resolution No. 2017-066 which is to renew the existing firefighter levy millage at 1.50. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Also, Resolution No. 2017-067, which is to renew the existing 0.40 mill levy for drainage and storm water purposes in the City of Strongsville. Again, the recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. I'll happily take any questions.

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut:** Thank you Mr. Dooner, Planning, Zoning and Engineering met this evening. We discussed Ordinance No. 2017-064, and that's to change the zoning classification at 16939 Pearl Road from public facility to general business. We request that be placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission. We discussed Ordinance No. 2017-065; that's to enter into a professional planning service agreement with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission for preparation of a master plan. We ask that be given favorable recommendation and be suspended and adopted this evening. Finally, Resolution No. 2017-030; this is approving an amended development plan for the Great Escape Plaza for a drive-thru restaurant at 17200 Royalton Road for Starbucks. We are in need of an amendment for this particular resolution. Evidently, there was a clerical error in the permanent parcel number. That has been corrected from 001 (the last three digits) to 011. After the amendment, I ask that everyone vote their conscience on that particular resolution. That's all I have this evening Mr. Dooner, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Mr. Daymut, can I make a comment on a couple of those? Resolution No. 2017-030 with the Starbucks, before I cast my vote I just want to let you know that I don't disagree with Starbucks wanting a drive-thru, it makes sense. I don't disagree with maybe increasing the size of their place there. Where I may disagree is the location of Starbucks. We look at how the community was developed over the years. We look at some of the strips. When you look at the "L" shaped strip where Bilos is, the sight line is poor. If you look where Cleats is, when we build buildings in front of buildings we instantly lose value and lease ability. When you look behind Taco Bell; I hope that we look at this and we learn from what we've done in the past. I do believe we are coming to a crossroads and I think we have to look at these decisions a little closer and unfortunately make some hard decisions. But, I want to give kudos to Starbucks because they have done an excellent job in the City of North Olmsted. North Olmsted's Starbucks is right on Lorain Road, just east of Great Northern Blvd. What they did is they took over on Lorain and Clague, a newer, empty strip-the corner strip. They renovated it and now it's a...they're doing great business out of there and they really brought up that area. Now, they also purchased about a year ago...they purchased the old strip; it was vacant for many years, on Dover and Lorain. They also, I believe, purchased a home; they tore everything down and it's an awesome redevelopment project in North Olmsted. What I hope here...I understand the need. I don't care for the location. I'm concerned about the businesses behind it long term. I would hope that we would consider not allowing the lot split and I would challenge Starbucks then to find another location again because I do believe that it is needed. So, I wanted to give my opinion on that.

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

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut (cont'd):**

Mr. Carbone (cont'd) – Also, I wanted to comment on Ordinance No. 2017-065. I can't tell you how happy I am right now that it took many years for the master plan to be where it's at. I hope that council looks at this as something that will be very valuable to the city long term. We...the mayor made it very clear that this is going to be a lot of time and a lot of effort and I believe that's why the mayor challenged Matt and I and we accepted that challenge as far as going out for the grant. I want to commend a resident, a long-time resident...married a long time resident, Stacy was a neighbor of mine down the street who actually assisted us in writing the grant for the master plan; and that was no easy task. If you're not aware, a lot of cities they hire people on the outside to write these grants or they train people on the inside to write the grants. When this challenge was presented to Matt and I, when we looked at it we got a little scared; we put our thoughts together; we reached out, and I want to thank Chad Dasher for all the help in assisting us with writing the grant for this comprehensive plan. I truly believe that this is what's going to help us, long term, and kind of turn in another direction. Take the old and with the new...things have changed over the years and retail is one. We've talked about the retail committee, the mall, etc. What better to have a non-biased opinion come into our town and really spearhead the future of Strongsville? That ends it, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. Dooner, if I could just add on to that. In regards to the master plan, first-of course, as Jim had said, thanks to Chad Dasher for all the help there. I think a big part of that too is not that we're going to be working with the county and it's not just going to be us; hopefully, if the vote goes in favor for this tonight, but it's a lot of resident involvement in that too. There's a lot of meetings that bring the residents in and get input on that which I think is very important as we decide where the city is going to go in the future. I ask my colleagues for their support on that tonight because it's something that Jim and I have worked on for a long time trying to get it to this point and hope that we are successful in getting that accomplished, thank you.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you Ken, I appreciate it, a couple of things. I commend the young gentlemen and their parents that are here tonight with the Cavs and the Indians playing. It's killing everybody over there, I can feel it. We'll try to be quick. Mayor, I know you're laughing at me, I can tell; but nevertheless, I commend the parents to come along to this very exciting council meeting in 2017. With that said, I am handing over a document, I meant to give Charles Goss, to reach out to this resident. If you can just...it has to do with bumper heights. The chief did talk to him with the mayor's approval before. If you could follow up with him. He has some other concerns. I'll call him and let him know that I gave it to you. Thank you very much, I still call you chief. The other thing is Mike Daymut brought up an excellent point about Ledgewood and the concerns about traffic. Of course, it's falling on the mayor and Charlie Goss's lap again; but anything new you can do to help that neighborhood. I experienced just this past weekend the exact issue that Mike Daymut talked about...wrong way/right way, people getting aggravated; so we don't want any problems with that. The other thing I wanted to share with, because we talk about the mall often and if businesses are coming, are they staying, safety, such and such. But I got to tell you something, I was at the mall Friday and Saturday. I was asked to be a judge at the "Canstruction" event for Harvest for Hunger. If those of you who visited the mall might have seen this, they had several structures made of thousands and thousands of cans; engineers throughout the greater Cleveland and Canton/Akron area, and they build these different items and different buildings for lack of a better term. There's LeBron James's face, there's Popeye, there's planes, and it was awesome. There's fifty different sites and you judge them. Two things that were very important, it brought new, good people to see at that mall. I think that when they do good things we should share with the residents and our safety forces and the administration what new things they do. That was awesome. It brought in a whole different crowd. On the flip, the other end, they were doing modeling and parts for acting. That brought in another group on a Friday/Saturday. It's so different when you go to this regional mall.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):** The funny thing is, the Canstruction group brought that program from Beachwood's mall because they liked this location better mayor. They liked this location better, and I think we need to remember that Mike, and you share that with your economic development team, there are things other than just going there and buying goods and services and eating. There's many different things that go on there. I was proud, A-to be asked, second-to participate in all those cans that went directly, and I don't know what the final number was, went right to The Food Bank downtown. So that's very important. The other thing I want to commend is Square 22. They were the bronze sponsor and that was \$2,500.00; so they came through. Again, a Strongsville business helping folks not that just live here that are in need; so all those little things add up. I think that's very important. We got a lot of play...I think Terry was there for a little bit, Channel 19 was there, Channel 3 showed up; so it was a good, awesome, awesome event. You know mayor, I just want to thank you for starting the lead...and you're right; you said it yesterday, in 2003, to take a look at all the safety issues in the city. Ward 3 fire station, I still call it "Needed Help"...it needed help. It was one of the first stations I visited with the former mayor, Mayor Ehrnfelt, when I was brand new. It needed help back then. Not only...I know you're going to give the numbers because you know them off the top of your head, you can tell them what the budget was and what it came in and how great a facility it is. I got to tell you, I meant what I said yesterday, the police, fire, ems and SERT, and SERT, helps our community and they do an awesome job. All those folks are lifesavers. They've been at my house, they've been at several houses here to help people. I know Duke, because every time I think of an officer I think of his brother-in-law, and you know how important it is. Duke was there, Jim was there yesterday and Jane Ludwig, my all-time favorite school board member and my neighbor-I always have to tease her a little bit, but those are things that are so important...that it was thought about in 2003/2004, found out what the need was, what it really cost to get done correctly, not just a pitchy patch by old grandpa they used to say, and there you go. Mayor, what was the final number?

Mayor Perciak – It was under \$700,000.00 was it not?

Mr. Draves – Right around there mayor.

Mr. DeMio – So we're almost right around the mark, excellent job.

Mayor Perciak – Right on budget as far as I recall, correct Tony and Jack?

Mr. Biondillo – That's correct.

Mr. DeMio – Excellent job everybody. I'd like to close on that. I'm sorry, Gordon was there too, I apologize Gordon.

Mayor Perciak – With Charlie.

Mr. DeMio – Which Charlie?

Mayor Perciak – Charlie, his Charlie.

Mr. DeMio – I thought that Charlie (Goss).

Mr. Short – Not that Charlie.

Mayor Perciak – Gordon's Charlie, the little guy.

Mr. Short – Curly head Charlie.

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

Mr. DeMio – What about Dominic?

Mayor Perciak – Well, Dominic behaved better than...you know.

Mr. DeMio – What about my daughter? She doesn't count?

Mayor Perciak – She's a beautiful young lady.

Mr. Southworth – Joe, I don't know if you noticed, I had Colin there whose now officially taller than Carbone.

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – This is boring you all. I know the Cavs are really...you'd rather be there.

Mr. Dooner – I'd like to get out of here before the next game starts for the Cavs.

Mr. DeMio – Let's go, I'm ready.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone:** Ordinance No. 2017-069, this is a purchase replacement RBC drives to upgrade our equipment at our waste treatment/water facility. Suspend and adopt and we do need all seven because this is without bidding. Ordinance No. 2017-070 is to purchase vehicle and equipment tires for our service department, suspend and adopt. We have Ordinance No. 2017-071; this is to purchase asphalt-\$250,000.00, suspend and adopt. We have Ordinance No. 2017-072; this is to purchase material and services for our paint striping. The recommendation is to suspend adopt. We have Ordinance No. 2017-073. This is a contract for our street sweeping for 2017. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Lastly this evening, Ordinance No. 2017-074; this is to purchase pavement services for 2017 which is what we discussed in caucus-very needed. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt and that ends my report.

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth:** Really fast, Ordinance No. 2017-068. This is a field rental agreement for our baseball fields to Explosive Fastpitch for a weekend, I believe in July, for them to hold a tournament. The recommendation is suspend and adopt. That's all that I have.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Southworth.

**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:** Thank you Mr. President, just quickly again a thank you to the residents of Ward 3 and to our Fire Chief, Jack Draves, for an excellent open house yesterday at our...I won't say new Ward 3 fire station, but our renovated and updated fire station in Ward 3. If you haven't had the chance there, I'm sure Chief Draves will allow anyone the opportunity to go there. Just give the chief a call or anyone of the two assistant chiefs and they'll only be too happy to give you a tour of the facility. As Councilman DeMio said, the chair of our safety committee, it was long overdue. Chief Draves basically said it best yesterday from when it was built and some of the deficiencies we had now have firefighters and paramedics there that are younger than the facility itself. I mean that says a lot as to what is going on there. Chief, to you and your staff, Tony Biondillo, to you for all your work on this, to Mr. Zarzycki, for making sure that this thing came in on time and under budget. I thank all of you and I'm sure the residents of the town thank you also. Thank you very, very much.

Mr. Carbone – You know mayor, can I add one thing with that, also I think the firemen are all happy that the construction is over and they can go back to their normal life there. I think they were very happy with that. The facilities, they looked great and it was well appreciated.

Mayor Perciak – That's all I have Mr. President.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you mayor.

**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.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Dubovec.

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison:** Thanks Mr. Chairman, two things on previous liquor permit issues. In regards to the Walgreens on W. 130<sup>th</sup>, the city has withdrawn its conditional objection. They are now in compliance so that matter has been resolved. As it relates to The Local Bar, formerly known as Bilos, again, the city has withdrawn their conditional objection so that matter has been resolved as well. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. I have nothing further.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Dooner – We've come to the portion of our council meeting for audience participation. Our first sign-in is Mr. Hasko.

John Hasko, 14515 Drake Road, Strongsville, OH: John Hasko, 14515 Drake Road. I have to go along with Mr. Carbone. That Starbucks place is the wrong place for that. I'd like to see them do something like that, it would be nice, but not there. To give you an example, how many cars at one time will be lined up to get a cup of Jo? How many, 5, 10, 15? Has Starbucks given you any kind of idea as to how many at one time will be lined up? Where are they going to go? Where are they going to line up? Then, you take these people, they're in a hurry. "Oh, I got my Jo, now it's time to get to work. I'm going to pull back out onto S.R. 82. Oh, wait a minute. I'm just making the light, but I'm going to be halfway through the intersection. That's okay, so what? I'll block the other ways going. Who cares?"

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

Mr. Hasko (cont'd) - If they want to do that when you put that in, 1. You have a big sign right where they enter S.R. 82, "Do not block S.R. 82", 2. Starbucks has to commit to hiring a Strongsville officer and car for an hour and a half every morning from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. to make sure no one half way goes through that intersection or goes out onto S.R. 82. There's all kind of other places you can put that place. What has happened to the old Kaiser building? Is there anything in there? Is it empty?

Mayor Perciak – Sir, it's privately owned. So what are you asking me for?

Mr. Hasko – Well I know, but Starbucks can look for something else.

Mayor Perciak – Ask them okay. Ask who owns the building.

Mr. Hasko – All right, but still, Starbucks can, like Carbone said, they can look other places. What about all the land behind the mall, on that road behind it?

Mayor Perciak – Mr. Hasko, that's all privately owned businesses. You are asking the wrong people. Ask them.

Mr. Hasko – I know.

Mayor Perciak – Unless those people file an application with us, we cannot answer you.

Mr. Hasko – Okay, but anyway, think twice about where they're going with this and how much it's going to do to the traffic.

Mr. Dooner – That's the end of our sign-in sheet. Is there anyone else who would like to address council?

Dan Neff, 6405 York Road, Parma Heights, OH: If I could, Dan Neff from Neff and Associates. I appreciate all the comments. I'm here this evening representing the Starbucks and The Great Escape outlet. Listening to what Mr. Carbone's concerns are and everything, and yet as an engineer I've had the pleasure of working a lot of projects that we have now started to move at putting retail in front. A good example, I've done a lot of work with rebuilding the Parmatown shops. We've done work out in Warrensville with bringing retail out in front of buildings. I've done the same thing over up Cedar Center North and we're doing it out the promenade so we're doing these things and it seems to be working better and better for bringing more retail in. Again, I'm just here urging, after we've gone through this, we've gone through Board of Zoning Appeals, we've reduced the building, we've done quite a few concessions to try to get this to come in compliance and I'm here just asking for your support, thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. I'm sorry, could you give your address again?

Mr. Neff – Sorry, Dan Neff, Neff and Associates, 6405 York Road, Parma Heights.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

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

Kelly Kosek, 12542 Coopers Run, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, I'll keep it short, I know everybody wants to get to the Cavs game. Kelly Kosek, 12542 Coopers Run. I wanted to talk about the Starbucks and about the master plan. Briefly about the Starbucks, the only issue that I want to make sure that council is aware of is that have been other cities that have had Starbucks in Northeast Ohio with drive-thrus where they have experienced traffic problems. We're talking about putting it in on a place that we've all at the city acknowledged is one of the worst traffic areas. I am concerned about the left in and the left out. I commute downtown every day and if you're coming down S.R. 82, you make a left into Starbucks and then when you come out you're going to have to make a left out to go get on the highway. I think it is going to increase traffic and it's going to cause some problems. That's all I'm going to say about that. On the master plan, I would just urge everyone...I've spoken before suggesting that it is an important thing that we do for the city. I would urge you to vote yes on that. Being that it hasn't gone for a public or a reading, I'm assuming that there's consensus on council that you don't feel the need to hear from the residents on it; so I hope that you will vote yes, thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you, anyone else?

Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Hello, Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road. Same concerns- Starbucks. With all due respect, bringing more retail into Strongsville I think we're probably good for the most part. We have a little bit of everything, but I think that the residents here do crave or want Starbucks coffee and I think that they like the convenience of a drive-thru and I think that's an awesome idea. I think it would bring Starbucks the money that they're looking for to, but I think again a different place, a different spot, something that's not right in front of an already existing retail. Who owns the actual parking lot there for that strip mall? Was it privately owned then? So the same privately owned that poor Mr. Hasko got...

Mayor Perciak – No, no, the same people who own the back parcels...you know, we keep hearing about these types of parcels Ann. These things have been here long before I got here or shortly after I got here as the town banker. These people who own this land, these parcels of land, if they are in compliance with our codified ordinances and our regulations, we have to be extremely careful what we're doing and that's all I'll say on that subject. They have complied.

Ms. Roff – Careful, but we could be careful and still conscious of...

Mayor Perciak – Ann, they have complied. And when we talk about the safety issues there Ann, our CPTED officers our police officers have reviewed that and they will determine where signs go and they will determine which way traffic is going to flow.

Ms. Roff – Not the people that drive in that area then?

Mayor Perciak – Not me.

Ms. Roff – Yes...and we could be cautious and we could be careful of how you handle new businesses coming in, but you could also weigh on the side of your community, your residents and what's best for their safety and what's best for them also. Just like you scolded Mr. Hasko about that property's privately owned, that property is privately owned too and you could set regulations though...

Mayor Perciak – No Ann, I want to correct you. Mr. Hasko was scolding me that I'm going to tell them what to do. I cannot tell people what to do with their private property.

Ms. Roff – No, I think he was just...

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

Mayor Perciak – Let the record reflect the correct answer.

Ms. Roff – I don't want to be combative here.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you.

Ms. Roff – I just would like to have my time because I thought that that's what this is for. If you want to come down to get in line I think you could do that...okay. Well, could I have my time then please?

Mayor Perciak – Go ahead.

Ms. Roff – Thank you, I would just like for them to look at maybe other options, other areas that might be safer for the community, maybe a better option so that those businesses there that already suffer and that already beg for business and they use that site from the street as part of their ability to stay in business, give them that opportunity to stay vibrant back there and not close that area down. Don't make it into another-like you said, another Taco Bell. I think I brought this up a couple of weeks ago. Hirts has to put a van in front of Taco Bell with their logo on it to make sure that people know that they are there. That shouldn't be like that. That's how you kill businesses. I don't want to live in Parma. If I wanted to live in Parrma, I would sell my home, buy a home cheaper and pay half the taxes and deal with closed down businesses. Also, the comprehensive plan. I think that it is time that we get somebody else in here to take a look at things. People that are non-bias, people that don't sit above and look down and say this is what we need to do and really don't have the experience to do that. I think that it's time that we hire a professional, get somebody in here to fix what we are already doing so wrong here, thanks.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Anyone else?

Mr. Jamison - Mr. Chairman if I may, just to respond quickly to a couple of the comments. I would just remind the people in the audience and the council that as it relates to the Great Escape Plaza project, that went through the appropriate commissions and boards and safety is one of the prime issues that goes forward every time; so to suggest that safety was not considered or is not appropriate is not true. It's not an accurate or fair statement. That is something that we take serious and that our police and fire department always provide their input. They did in this case and I just want the record clear on that. As it relates to the master plan, to suggest that the master plans we did before were by people who weren't professional and competent is a disservice to them; so I would suggest that this is an update of our existing master plan and to suggest that the ones that we did prior is a disservice to those individuals, thank you.

Ms. Roff – (unintelligible comment)

Mr. Jamison – There's no comments from the audience.

Mr. Dooner – Anyone else who would like to speak?

(No comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2017-030** by Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE GREAT ESCAPE PLAZA TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A DRIVE-THRU RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 17200 ROYALTON ROAD, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 02-23-17. *First reading 03-06-17. Public hearing 04-17-17.*

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

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

**Roll Call: Ayes: Daymut, Dooner, Southworth, Short  
Nays: Carbone, Schonhut, DeMio      Resolution No. 2017-030 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2017-060** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Short. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 04-17-17.*

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. 2017-060 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-064** by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 16939 PEARL ROAD (PART OF PPN 397-10-009) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission.***

**Ordinance No. 2017-065** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY, 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. 2017-065 ADOPTED.**

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

**Resolution No. 2017-066** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 1.50 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS' SALARIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SATELLITE STATION AT PRIEM AND ALBION ROADS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19(I), REQUESTING THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, 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. 2017-066 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2017-067** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING 0.40 MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND RENOVATING STORM SEWERS AND STORM DRAINAGE DITCHES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19(F), REQUESTING THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, 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. 2017-067 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-068** by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NON-EXCLUSIVE RENTAL/OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH EXPLOSIVE FASTPITCH, LLC 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. 2017-068 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2017-069** by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF RBC DRIVES TO UPGRADE EQUIPMENT AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, 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. 2017-069 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-070** by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT TIRES AND RELATED TIRE SERVICES TO BE USED BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF 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. 2017-070 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-071** by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF 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. 2017-071 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-072** by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR MATERIALS AND SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAINT STRIPING OF CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN 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. 2017-072 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2017-073** by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SWEEPING OF STREETS 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. 2017-073 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2017-074** by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GENERAL PAVEMENT SERVICES FOR 2017 FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF 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. 2017-074 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

(None)

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Dooner – At this time I'd like to offer a somber condolence to the family and friends of Carl Siedel. The Siedel family has been in this town, I think, since it started. Carl Siedel passed away today. He's a long time resident and neighborhood barber; and he's an all-around great guy.

Mr. DeMio – I second that; that's awesome.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Dooner adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Signature on File  
Aimee Pientka, MMC  
Clerk of Council

May 15, 2017  
Date of Approval