

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Kenneth M. Dooner, Matthew A. Schonhut, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Duke Southworth, Gordon C. Short 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, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, 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. 2017-168 is an ordinance amending Sections 1273.05 and 1273.09 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances in order to update requirements concerning permitting of wireless telecommunications facilities. This will be placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission. Ordinance No. 2017-169 is to authorize the mayor to enter into a community cost-share agreement with the NEORSD (Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District) to reimburse funds in connection with the Walnut Drive detention basin project. The reimbursement can go up to the amount of \$325,000.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation.

Public Safety and Health Committee:

Motion made by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Southworth to approve the Public Safety and Health committee meeting minutes of Monday, September 18, 2017. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2017-170; a resolution accepting the donation of a bullet and stab protective vest for use by Storm, a police department K-9 officer. Mr. DeMio asked if we plan on getting another K-9 officer. Chief Fender advised there are currently two K-9 officers. Mr. DeMio asked if anyone contacted the clerk of council regarding follow-up questions to the September 18th committee meeting. There were no follow-up questions. Mr. DeMio advised there may be another committee meeting in November. Mr. Dooner advised he was asked by someone if we use police dogs on school property (in the parking lots or in the schools) for drug detection. Chief Fender advised we do. Mr. Dooner asked if we do this on a regular basis. Mayor Perciak advised this topic should not be discussed at this time. Mr. DeMio advised this could be discussed in executive session. Chief Draves advised they will be revising and updating the fire code of the Codified Ordinances.

Finance Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-171. This is an ordinance amending the general salary ordinance to abolish the position of "Assistant to the Building Commissioner (State Certified)"; abolish the position of "Building Inspector (Non-Certified)"; and to establish, allocate and fix the compensation of the position of "Residential Code Official/Plans Examiner (State Certified)". Mr. Biondillo advised Mr. Miller in the building department has been promoted to Mr. Foulkes previous position. He feels it is necessary to establish this new position, and there is someone currently on staff to fill it. This is a salary reduction of approximately \$20,000.00-what was approved in the 2018 budget. Mr. Schonhut asked if we were eliminating two positions or is one not being filled. Mr. Biondillo advised one of the positions is not filled right now. Once the new position is filled, he will hire another inspector. Mr. Biondillo advised we are no longer allowed to have non-certified people in those positions. Mr. DeMio asked Mr. Biondillo how they can handle calls from the residents received on the weekend. Mr. Biondillo advised they do not respond on weekends; they work Monday-Friday, business hours. Mayor Perciak advised if there is an emergency, Mr. Biondillo can be contacted. They could have an inspector on call, but that would mean overtime; inspectors are a collective bargaining unit.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut advised he will give a report of his Tuesday, September 26th committee meeting on the floor of council. The next meeting will be October 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The business expo is November 8th and if council knows of any businesses interested in participating to contact him or Brent Painter.

Committee of the Whole: Chairman Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-172. This is authorizing the mayor to make payments for preventative maintenance services and emergency repair services for the HVAC systems at the city's Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center and police department. This is without public bidding so all seven votes of council are required for this to pass.

Motion made by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Short to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of September 12, 2017. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Short advised the residents of The Woods and Lyons Lane are very pleased with the Walnut Drive detention basin project. He commended Mr. Mikula and his department for doing a great job.

Mayor Perciak advised we have an early fall season so there are more leaf trucks out for pick-up. Mr. Dooner advised there are a lot of limbs on Webster Road were a resident is cleaning up the property (on Webster, just south of High Point). Mr. Walker advised he will look into that.

President Dooner noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose to discuss security matters. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison and Police Chief Mark Fender. It was so moved by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Southworth to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:47 p.m. The executive session concluded at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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.

*****A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the recent Las Vegas shooting.*****

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Kenneth M. Dooner, Matthew A. Schonhut, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Duke Southworth, Gordon C. Short 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, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, 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 September 18, 2017 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Dooner: I was not able to make the last meeting because of my wife's illness, but my friend helped me out here. On the September 21, 2017 board meeting they recognized a new running club established for the students K-12 to enhance the district track and cross country program. Also started was the process to refinance bond debt to save taxpayers an estimated \$570,000.00 over the life of the bond. That is all that I have.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Carbone: At the Southwest meeting last Wednesday, CEO Bill Young reported that the hospital is performing very well. Patient satisfaction is up from the recent survey and the finances are very good. The hospital is still seeing growth and they had two OBs start two weeks ago and they will be located in Strongsville, the main campus, and Olmsted Falls. Lastly, they are looking for a new radiologist. That ends my report.
Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:

* See Communications and Technology Committee below *

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, I have nothing to report for Building and Utilities tonight nor Communications and Technology 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'm going to give a brief report on our meeting of Tuesday, September 26th. We did review our business network meeting from September 21st. I'd like to again thank Brian Zimmerman, CEO and Chief Executive Officer of The Cleveland Metroparks. It was an excellent presentation and The Metroparks being 100 years and all they do here in the City of Strongsville. At that particular breakfast it was extremely well attended. We did give away our Innovation Award to Parkview Homes and to Union Home Mortgage. I'd like to congratulate them. Finally, the Distinguished Redevelopment Award for Westwood Commons, the new development here at Westwood Drive and Pearl Road. We are planning our next breakfast meeting. It will most likely be in February, so if you mark your calendar now we'll see to make sure that takes place. We are looking for a sponsor and a speaker for that particular meeting. We received a report from our tech committee, from Ed Oliveros. It's been quite a while since we've had the opportunity to have that. The focus of that was business for workforce development through Cuyahoga County; so we will be partnering with them as usual. We did receive an update on our residential survey from Richard Pinkerton, our chairman of that sub-committee. We did meet earlier in the day with the sub-committee members on that. We're in the process of totally finalizing that. We assume that the survey for all our residents...is called a census. It's been twelve years since we've done that. It will go out probably the second week in November so I look forward to following through with that and getting it done. We did discuss some ordinances that are on council's agenda concerning zoning changes on Royalton Road and Pearl Road and conditional use. Finally, our business expo will be Wednesday, November 8th. I look forward to that. Please inform anyone and Strongsville residents that have businesses here who would like to be involved with that to contact us as soon as possible. The tables are going quickly. I understand it will be limited to a hundred this year. That will be open to the public from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., again, on Wednesday, November 8th. Our Master of Ceremonies and special guest will again be Bill Wills. We appreciate all he does for us here in the City of Strongsville. We received finally a business update. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 23rd 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 one ordinance tonight on the agenda, Ordinance No. 2017-171, to amend the general salary ordinance for the City of Strongsville to restructure the building department. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. The Finance Committee met on September 28th to review the 2018 budget in the Mayor's conference room. Thanks to Joe Dubovec and his staff and the administration for putting together a very comprehensive and thorough budget. We had some good discussions there and we'll follow up probably in December before the end of the year to pass that budget. Finally, I wanted to note from the floor that Mr. Dubovec and his staff, the Finance Committee meeting was interrupted by the Auditor of State, David Yost, who presented an award again to Joe and his staff. I want to commend them because this is the highest award you can get, the Distinguished Audit Award, for the cleanest possible audit you can get. There were no...it was an unqualified opinion. There were no management points, no follow-up points; I mean, this is as good as you can get. Again, I think this is now the fourth year in a row we've gotten that...third year in a row. Joe, congrats to you and your staff on an excellent job. That is not an easy award to get. I think less than 4% of the communities in the State actually receive that award. And that concludes my report.

(Applause)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, Planning, Zoning and Engineering met this evening and considered Ordinance No. 2017-168. That's amending Section 1273.05 and 1273.09 in order to update requirements concerning permitting of wireless communication facilities. I ask that be placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission. We also have Ordinance No. 2017-169. That's to enter into a cost-share agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) to provide reimbursement of funds in connection with the Walnut Drive detention basin project for up to \$325,000.00. I ask that we suspend and adopt that this evening. That's all that I have Mr. Dooner, thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we did do a couple things in caucus. One, we talked about our safety meeting, certified the minutes from two weeks ago without flaw. Thank you Aimee and Tiffany, whoever did those minutes; I appreciate it. They're exactly on point. The other is we have a resolution, Resolution No. 2017-170-a donation for our vest for our K-9 Storm. It's a \$2,500.00 donation which we appreciate very much. It keeps our dog in check; keeps him in order and keeps him safe. We appreciate that and Mayor, again, I'm sure the administration and all of council...if you talk to the young lady who made that donation...I believe I met her Saturday, funny enough, at a birthday party. She was telling me all about the vest. It makes the dogs feel safe too which is a tremendous aspect to what they do. Chief, we appreciate all your folks out there that keep us safe. I know there are no questions, we talked about it in back Ken; so I would like to close the committee.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. DeMio.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: Yes, I have no resolutions or ordinances on the agenda this evening but I can take any questions.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Dooner, I have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda but if there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Dooner: We approved our minutes from our Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Then we also have Ordinance No. 2017-172. This is authorizing the mayor to make payments for preventative maintenance services and emergency repair services for the HVAC system at the Walter Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center. The recommendation is suspend and adopt.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President, just a series of thank yous this evening. The first one goes to the Historical Society for a wonderful turnout yesterday for their annual dinner which we moved originally from the village from across the street now down to the Methodist church. We had a full house yesterday. I want to thank personally Ruth Brickley and her entire board for coming together and assisting, and all of the volunteers there yesterday. Some of us were there earlier in the morning and there were still some there late at night doing dishes. To everybody who helped and pitched in I thank you. I'm certain the Historical Society thanks you for a very successful event. To so many of the individuals who donated the food for that event...not all of them were donated but the majority of it was and I want to thank them also because without them and without the ladies baking and pitching in we could never make that event what it is. It truly is a family event and the tickets are \$10.

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

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) – How can you go wrong? They have a wonderful time. Thank you everybody at the Historical Society for pitching in. That pretty much will wrap up our fall harvest activities here in town. Next, I would like to take time to congratulate the United Church of Christ who will be celebrating their 200th anniversary on Sunday, October 15th. Their banquet and their celebration-they will have of course their communion service at the church Sunday morning and then we will proceed over to our recreation center for the banquet. Their banquet will begin at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending or wishing a ticket can contact Bruce Keenan. He will be happy to accommodate you. We really have to think back...I don't believe, I could be wrong because these historians might correct me, but I don't think we have a church organization in this community that is still here that when the city was founded almost 200 years ago; so they deserve a round of applause and congratulations for keeping all that going and keeping Strongsville focused in the right way. Thank you to all of you. Lastly, I want to add my two cents to the award that our finance department received from the Auditor of State. I've been mayor almost 14 years and never once has the Auditor of State come up personally at a budget meeting to make this presentation. Joe, thank you, thank you for your hard work, thank you for your focus and to your staff. It was truly an honor for the City of Strongsville that the Auditor of State take time from Columbus to come here, not only meet with Joe but to meet with the administration and to meet with the council members if they had any questions. I want to thank the Auditor of State for coming here and taking a two hour drive to stay here 10-15 minutes. Thank you auditor Yost and thank you Joe Dubovec for a fine, fine job.

Mr. Dubovec – Thank you and I will pass that along to the staff also.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you.

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

Mr. Dooner – Thank you.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Dooner – We now come to the portion of our program for audience participation. There is no sign-in sheet. Is there anyone who would like to address council?

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2017-168 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1273.05 AND 1273.09 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, IN ORDER TO UPDATE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PERMITTING OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2017-169 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, IN ORDER FOR THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WALNUT DRIVE DETENTION BASIN 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. 2017-169 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2017-170 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF ONE (1) BULLET AND STAB PROTECTIVE VEST FOR USE BY STORM, A 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. 2017-170 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-171 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-236 TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, POSITION PLAN, TO ABOLISH THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER (STATE CERTIFIED) (SECTION 5-058); ABOLISH THE POSITION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR (NON-CERTIFIED) (SECTION 5-066); TO ESTABLISH, ALLOCATE AND FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE POSITION OF RESIDENTIAL CODE OFFICIAL/PLANS EXAMINER (STATE CERTIFIED) (SECTION 5-058); 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. 2017-171 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2017-172 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE PAYMENTS FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY REPAIR SERVICES FOR THE HVAC SYSTEMS AT THE CITY'S WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER AND POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS, 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. 2017-172 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Dooner – any other miscellaneous business?

Mr. DeMio- Good job Ken; that was quick.

(No comments)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Dooner adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Signature on file
Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

October 16, 2017
Date of Approval