

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY DECEMBER 18, 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, December 18, 2017 at 7:15 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, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Assistant Building Commissioner Mike Miller, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

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

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

Finance Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-213; to amend sections of Chapter 881 of the Codified Ordinances providing for imposition and regulation of the municipal income tax commencing January 1, 2018. This is to change the tax code in order to comply with H.B. 49. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-214. This is the general salary ordinance for 2018. Mr. Schonhut asked and it was confirmed that this is a 2% pay increase for employees. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance Nos. 2017-215 and 216. These are appropriations ordinances for 2017 and 2018 respectively. One of the items in this is the transfer of \$100,000.00 for Surrarrer Park. There was half a million transfer to the General Capital Fund for roads and projects next year. There was \$50,000.00 set aside for tree removal from a prior storm. Lastly, there was, \$300,000.00 in overtime and various payouts for public service. For the 2018 appropriations, there was approximately \$230,000.00 for additional police vehicles that were requested after the budget was presented. This will come out of the emergency vehicle fund. Mr. DeMio asked if this amount will be good then for the police vehicles moving forward. Chief Fender advised this will cover it and carry the department through the end of 2018.

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Daymut advised Ordinance No. 2017-111 is to rezone property located at 17800 Royalton Road (a portion of PPN 396-12-002) from OB (Office Building) classification to GB (General Business) classification and R-RS (Restaurant-Recreational Services) classification. The public hearing was on October 16, 2017. Mr. Daymut advised Council to vote their consciences on this ordinance. There were some residents in Ledgewood who requested some more information concerning the project and some modifications that were done. A letter went out to these residents with that information. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-217; an ordinance authorizing the mayor to approve change order no. 1 to increase the contract price with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. in connection with the Bowman Drive Sanitary Sewer Project. The increase is in the amount of \$29,843.70. Mr. Short advised the administration that Fabrizi is doing a great job with traffic control in that area. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-218; an ordinance accepting the lot split plat for Katherine and Karl Hosterman for PPN 397-31-006, located at 19074 Howe Road. This is because they have no sanitary sewers in that area and the city is addressing that issue. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2017-219; an ordinance authorizing the mayor to accept a grant of easement for sanitary sewer system purposes from D & K Development, LLC. Resolution Nos. 2017-220 and 2017-221 pertain to confirming Planning Commission's approval of the site plan for a parking lot at Strongsville's City Hall located at 18688 Royalton Road, as well as to advertise for bids for improvements to that lot. Both will be placed on first reading.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2017-222. This is an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for emergency repairs to the city's wastewater treatment plant "C". Mr. Walker advised this is the plant located at Sprague Road and Pearl Road. Several months ago, they noticed some settlement over top the main line. The line has dropped more which is a problem. The city will have to bring in an outside agency who has the ability to get a camera system in that main line to find out what the issue is. This is without public bidding so all seven votes of council are needed for this legislation to pass. Mr. DeMio advised there was a water main break in that area and was concerned about a house in that area flooding. Mr. Walker advised the water main break was contained and there were no calls from residents.

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Daymut advised there will be no committee meeting in December. Mr. Painter advised that every year, Crains Cleveland Business creates a list of the fastest growing companies in Northeast Ohio. This list is called the "Weatherhead 100". Seven companies in Strongsville are located on this list. Mayor Perciak advised the income tax that is generated from these companies is important to the city.

Committee of the Whole:

President Dooner noted the necessity to go into executive session for a conference with an attorney(s) for the City of Strongsville concerning disputes involving the City of Strongsville that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Thomas Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, Finance Director Joe Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter and Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre. It was so moved by Mr. DeMio and seconded by Mr. Short to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:29 p.m. The executive session concluded at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

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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: 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, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Assistant Building Commissioner Mike Miller, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan 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 December 4, 2017 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Fire Captain David L. Haffner.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, Mr. President, if I may. I'd like to administer the ceremonial Oath of Office to our newly-appointed Fire Captain, David L. Haffner; so if he would come forward with his family, and we will administer the Oath.

Chief Draves – Thank you mayor. It's a pleasure tonight to be able to administer the Oath of Office to David Haffner. Dave is a graduate of Parma High School. He has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Baldwin Wallace College. Dave has been a member of the Strongsville Fire Department since March 24, 1997. Dave was promoted to Lieutenant on November 3, 2008. As a Lieutenant, Dave's responsibilities and duties include station officer and Acting Shift Commander. Dave is in charge of emergency planning for the department and he has been responsible for the design and implementation of the department's MABAS (mutual aid box alarm system) and HLZ's (helicopter landing zones). He most recently joined the QRT (quick response team) which is a program designed to assist in the treatment of opioid abusers. Dave is honored to serve as the Shift Commander on "A" shift. Dave is joined tonight by several of his family members including his parents, Harry and Carol; his brother Harry, wife Lisa, and their 4 children; his mother and father in law, Don and Sue; his brother and sister in law, Tony and Lori with their 2 children; as well as his brother-in-law Nick and wife Jackie and their two children. Dave's wife, Michelle, and their sons, David and Alex, will assist with the Oath of Office.

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

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – Before we go on, I also would like to congratulate David's parents. David's parents last week celebrated 50 years of marriage. Harry and Carol, please stand.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – I wasn't going to let you get away with that. Mr. Dooner, may I have you come down here for a minute? When Ken Dooner and I talked about his final meeting here, he said, "If you come up with any proclamations..." I promised him I wouldn't; so I talked to Aimee and some of the councilmembers, and we said, "We're not going to come up with a proclamation; we're going to come up with a plaque."

At this time, Mayor Perciak presented Mr. Dooner with the plaque commemorating his term of office with Strongsville City Council.

(Applause)

Mr. Dooner – All right, I get way too emotional at this stuff. Honestly, it's been a great privilege to serve the City of Strongsville. To tell you the truth, without the guys sitting on both sides of the isle that do all the work, as the mayor doesn't do a whole lot, these guys do all the work and they've done a great job.

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

Mr. Dooner (cont'd) - Even though I won't be on council anymore Walker, I'm still going to call you and tell you to pick up my leaves or something. Thank you very much, and guys-even the guys who beat us-Mr. Carbone/Mr. Schonhut, I'm really going to bitch at you for this.

(Laughter)

Mr. Dooner – I'm going to be like Mark Roth and come back for every meeting.

Mr. DeMio – Hey Ken, you need to hang on for one more minute.

Mr. Dooner – You're going to resign Joe?

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – Ken promised...well I promised Ken we wouldn't do this, but you know, some politicians don't tell the truth so we have to continue. Ken, this is just a little something from each one of your colleagues that I'm sure you're going to share with your bride.

Mr. Dooner – Is it cash?

Mr. DeMio – It could be.

Mr. Dooner – Then I'm not sharing with my bride.

(Laughter)

Mr. Dooner – I wouldn't even let her come to this.

Mr. DeMio – All right brother, you take care of her.

Mr. Dooner – All right, thank you very much.

Mayor Perciak – Duke, come on down. Duke, I have a little something to thank you for years of service.

At this time, Mayor Perciak presented Mr. Dooner with the plaque commemorating his term of office with Strongsville City Council.

(Applause)

Mr. Southworth – I only accept bottles of wine.

Mr. Daymut – I'm going to go first. Duke, on behalf of all of the council members, we appreciate all your service; especially from Joe and I. We'll say that both of these gentlemen here...we had the opportunity to interview many applicants when we had vacancies. We chose these two to be our colleagues. I wish you well and thank you for all your service.

Mr. Southworth – Thank you, I just want to say a quick...I'd like to say whenever we have a crowd come to one of our meetings I wanted councilmen to be very quick; so I will be very quick. I wanted to thank each and every one of the residents of Strongsville, my colleagues, the mayor, the administration. One of the perks of this job was meeting so many people in Strongsville.

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

Mr. Southworth (cont'd) - There are a lot of wonderful people here and I truly cherish that. I hope each of you...look at your neighbors and appreciate that, thank you.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Duke.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Dooner: I was not able to attend the last meeting.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Carbone: Yes, there has not been a Southwest board meeting since our last meeting. Come first of the year, we'll report back to council my findings from the meeting. That ends my report.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Jim.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:

* See Communications and Technology Committee below *

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, I have nothing to report for Building and Utilities nor Communications and Technology but I'll happily take any questions for either committee.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Matt.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I'd like to announce there is no meeting in December. We are in recess. At our caucus meeting we received a list of the 100 fastest growing companies in Northeast Ohio that involve Strongsville. We have 8 of them. It says a lot for our Economic Development Director, Brent Painter, and for the mayor for bringing those in. That's all I have this evening, thank you Mr. Dooner.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

FINANCE – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have four ordinances on tonight's agenda. Ordinance No. 2017-213 is to amend Chapter 881 of our Codified sections to comply with the new law of the State of Ohio regarding the collection of municipal income taxes. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Ordinance No. 2017-214 is to pass for the 2018 year the salary appropriations for the City of Strongsville to pay our staff. We ask that be suspended and adopted as well. Ordinance No. 2017-215 is to finalize the appropriations for the 2017 fiscal year. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Ordinance No. 2017-216 is the budget and appropriations for the 2018 fiscal year. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Gordon.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. Dooner, Planning, Zoning and Engineering met this evening. We have Ordinance No. 2017-111; that's to change the zoning of certain property located at 17800 Royalton Road from office building to general business and restaurant-recreation. I ask everyone to vote their conscience on this particular ordinance. We have Ordinance No. 2017-117; this is to increase the contract price with Fabrizi Trucking Co. & Paving in connection with the Bowman Drive, Drake Road and Fetzler Drive sanitary sewer project, to the tune of \$29,843.50, for a new contract price of \$2,258,969.20. I ask that we suspend and adopt that this evening. We have Ordinance No. 2017-218, accepting for recording purposes the lot split and plat for 19074 Howe Road. I ask that we suspend and adopt that this evening. Ordinance No. 2017-219-that's to accept a grant of easement for sanitary sewer at 19988 Drake Road from D & K Development, LLC. I ask that we suspend and adopt that this evening. We have Resolution No. 2017-220; that's the approval of the site plan for the parking lot extension at city hall, to the tune of 21 spaces. I ask that we place that on first reading this evening. The companion resolution is Resolution No. 2017-221. That's to advertise for bids for improvement to the Strongsville Commons parking lot. I ask that we place that on first reading. That's all I have this evening Mr. Dooner, thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Daymut.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: We won't go over anything on the docket. There's no ordinances or resolutions. I'll defer because of the importance of the vote and the folks that are here.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Joseph.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: Yes, I have Ordinance No. 2017-222. This is to do some emergency work. We discovered some issues with the main line going into plant "C" of our waste treatment plant. Again, this is an emergency so without public bidding; so we need all 7. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. That concludes my report.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Jim.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Dooner, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda; but I do want to thank the administration and my colleagues for getting an ADA compliant playground set at Surrarer Park. That is something that Mike Daymut and I have been working on for a couple of years now. Every budget season we go through it. This budget season we got it done. Thank you very much and that is all that I have to report.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Duke.

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

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President and good evening to everyone. Just a few thank yous this evening. One goes out to our city prosecutor, George Lonjak, who is retiring from service here after 27 years. His last official day is going to be December 31, 2017. Mr. Lonjak is moving on to become the magistrate in the Parma courts. We thank him for his many, many years of service here. We appreciate all he has done for our community, how closely he has worked with our safety forces. We appreciate everything he has done, not only for our safety forces, for me the mayor and the mayor's court, and for all he's done for our community. If you see Mr. Lonjak, thank him for everything he has done for our town. Lastly, it's that time of the year, it's Christmas. My best wishes to everyone for a very merry, blessed Christmas and a happy New Year and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to working with each and every one of you next year as we begin a new era here in the City of Strongsville. Thank you and God bless you and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you mayor.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec: 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: Thank you Mr. Dooner, just to let council know that we had previously issued a conditional objection as it relates to the Italian Village restaurant on Pearl Road. They have now come into compliance with the building department so we withdrew that conditional objection and sent that down to the Liquor Control Commission. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That concludes my report.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Dooner – Now, we've come to one of my favorite times of the meeting, audience participation. We do have a sign in sheet, so I will call your names to come up. Please state your name and address and you have five minutes to speak. Mr. Bob Stein.

Mr. Stein – (from the audience) I'll pass.

Mr. Stein – Are you passing for everyone or no? Oh, never mind. Harriet Raia.

Harriet Raia, 17288 Iyami Court, Strongsville, OH: My name is Harriet Raia and I live at 17288 Iyami Court. I'm speaking in opposition to the rezoning issue Ordinance No. 2017-111. The property is zoned for office space and has been developed and used for office space for some time. The proposed no build zone that Mr. Pinney outlined last time he was here is currently parking space, and I assume it will continue to be used for parking space. This parking space would be...would still be needed for the tenants of the former Medical Mutual building. The illustration, also that Mr. Pinney had indicated that there would be 10 new spaces for retail, restaurant and business development. This would dramatically increase the flow of pedestrian noise, traffic and throughout the day and well into the night. Strongsville currently has many moderately priced restaurants within walking and/or short driving distance of the property in question. Also, shopping is readily available at the mall, right across the street and other nearby locations. Strongsville does not need any more new development in this area. I agree, that for the best land use for Strongsville, the wooded area at the south and west of the property should be developed. Why could it not be developed into an office complex completely?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Raja (cont'd) - The proposed area could be built to accommodate smaller and medium office space activity. The increase traffic would be more moderate to office hours. A calmer, quieter area for the surrounding residents of Ledgewood. I strongly disagree with Mr. Pinney's perceived threat of litigation because the property has been used as office space and should be continued to be used as office space. Thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Richard Emch.

Richard Emch, 17326 Iyami Court, Strongsville, OH: Hello my name is Richard Emch. I live at 17326 Iyami Court, Strongsville, Ohio. I am the president of the Iyami Condo Association. I just wanted...I'm sure you've all gotten my letters and phone calls about this ordinance, this is Ordinance 2017-111 about 17800 Royalton Road. I just wanted to make it clear on the record that we did receive the proposal for the revised site from Mr. Pinney and we had a community meeting on October 29th and we invited all the residents from Otani Condominium Association, the Iyami Condominium Association, the Akita Condominium Association and residents from Ledgewood, especially the ones that are adjacent to the property, but we invited everyone who wanted to come on October 29th at the library. We went over the proposal. I made a PowerPoint with the information that we had received in the proposal. We talked about the pros and cons of everything. It was a unanimous decision that we were against any retail or restaurants in that area and we ask that you keep the office building. That is why we didn't contact them. We didn't want to waste their time or our time because we feel that this is just a thin edge of a wedge to get retail in there and eventually it would all be restaurants and retail. That's not a solution for us. Secondly, we were talking about the buffer zone. While everybody is for trees; I love trees, we want more trees in Strongsville. We feel that the threat of not putting the trees in, if we don't agree to the proposal, will actually backfire on them; because if the retail and restaurants go in, the area adjacent to the property consists of three streets of condominium associations. These condominiums have the lowest property value within Ledgewood. This is going to pull that property down and once our property values go down, it's going to put Ledgewood down and this high class attractive retail and restaurant is going to be next to a low income housing area in Strongsville. That's all I have to say for that. Thank you for your attention. I hope you all read the e-mail I sent you and please, vote your conscious. Do the best thing for the residents in the community of Strongsville. Thank you.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Sara Marxen?

Sara Marxen, 20624 Albion Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Sara Marxen. I'm located at 20624 Albion Road, Strongsville, Ohio and I have some concerns on Resolution 2017-220 to create 21 new parking spaces on the City Hall property located at 18688 Royalton Road. I assume that this plan intends to take away current green space from The Commons and put in a parking lot. It's hard for me to believe that this Council is considering proposals to turn a wooded office complex into retail shopping space and also convert the grass at City Hall into parking. I'm not sure how much more clearer the residents of the city could be, but we are looking for more green space not less. For all the events that take place on The Commons, we need green space for the families to participate. The same council should not allow for development all around the town square and then try to solve that mistake with taking green space from The Commons. My second topic is on the recent election. The recent election prompted two vacancies in this city council. My understanding is that in the next month or so, five of you seated right here tonight will work to decide who will fill the Ward 2 and Ward 3 terms. I'm here tonight to ask for your approval of Kelly Kosek to fill the Ward 3 vacancy. Kelly ran in the November council-at-Large election and lost by a very narrow margin. During her campaign, she showed passion for the city. I see there are roughly 9 applications who dropped their name into the hat to run for Ward 3 and 11 applicants for Ward 2. During the election process, Kelly showed that she is smart, willing, capable, and qualified for the position.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION cont'd):

Ms. Marxen (cont'd) - The only person of the list of applicants to fill the vacancy to ever get a single vote from the registered voters in Strongsville was Kelly Kosek. Kelly invested her time, money and heart in running a clean campaign. She never disparaged any of the other candidates. She participated in several debates with the men seated on council tonight, all of who indicated you'd welcome working with her. Kelly has a vision for Strongsville that was shared during her campaign. While all the other applicants sent their resume, Kelly was crossing her "T's" and dotting her "I's" to complete the Board of Election's paperwork. She was meeting residents at Giant Eagle, Starbucks and other places around town to get signatures so she could be on the November ballot. She was marching with her supporters in the Homecoming parade and for the past year, she's attended these very meetings to keep her finger on the pulse of the politics of the city. Kelly was campaigning door to door with her children soliciting votes to make Strongsville a better place to live. She has a concern for the city that comes from a different prospective. She has fresh ideas and is not afraid to challenge the status quo, which quite frankly could use some challenging. I strongly urge you to make the smart choice and appoint a woman who is a mother, wife, lawyer and frequent attendee of these meetings to complete the term of Ward 3 Councilperson Jimmy Carbone. Thank you. Merry Christmas.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. I do not see her, but she may come out of the wood work, Ann Roff. Oh, there she is.

(Laughter)

Mr. Dooner – Merry Christmas. You have two minutes...

(Laughter)

Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: I'm your Christmas present, see? I can do it in two. Ann Roff, 16764 Howe Road. My concern is with the others that are here is the property on S.R. 82. I think that we need to address the traffic problem that we already have before you add the...more ways for people to come in, more ways for people to come out in that area before you add more shopping to that area. It's almost absurd to even consider allowing that kind of development to go in there when we all have sat here for the last two years and argued about traffic on S.R. 82. With good conscious, I don't think you can cast a "yes" vote to rezone that property knowing the problem that you already have. You've expressed multiple times, everybody up here has expressed multiple times, their concern is with the safety of that traffic coming off of the highway onto S.R. 82. Where are you putting more cars? Please, consider that as your major downfall of why, the property should not be developed into any more retail. I'm pretty sure we have enough here. I just drove pass the mall and it does not look as booming as it has in the past; so to add more retail and pull away from mall... Believe or not, I don't want the mall to fail, even though it brings traffic to my area, because I don't want to look like other areas that have had failed malls. If you pull customers away from that and add more retail shopping, you are just going to see more closed down areas of the mall and up and down Pearl Road. Thanks for your time. Have a good Christmas guys and see you.

Mr. Dooner – Merry Christmas, Ann. Anyone...

Mr. Schonhut – Is that a final goodbye there?

Mr. Dooner – That was the finally goodbye. Hey, I've got to know her so well. I know my daughter went to school with her daughter and geez, I've donated stuff for her. Geez oh man! There has been...

Ms. Roff – (from the audience) And thank you gentlemen that donated to the Strongsville Boosters.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Dooner – All right, your time is up.

(Laughter)

Mr. Dooner – Is there anybody else who would like to speak before council? State your name and address, please.

Terry Cooperider, 17300 Akita Court, Strongsville, OH: My name is Terry Cooperider, 17300 Akita Court and I am president of the Akita Association. We've, obviously, joined in with the other groups and don't see the reason that we add more retail to this town. We've got so many blighted vacancies around already. The city needs to work its plan. We have it already zoned for office space. It's a fabulous place for office space. Talked with Mr. Pinney, he's claiming that retail is just the way we have to go. Well retail is low hanging fruit. It's easy to grab to fill those vacancies. What we want to do is get higher paying job and get something that is going to stay there awhile. We want more doctors. More insurance agents. More lawyers even, if we have to.

(Laughter)

Ms. Cooperider – To fill those spaces with constant, pretty constant traffic for those of us who live up and down the Fallingwater area. We don't need to add more retail. We don't want to hurt the mall. We don't want to be taking away where the mall could be adding. I mean this town, Mr. Daymut said, we are...we have the what, top eight. We're growing in business. We need to continue growing in business. Not in retail. Please, don't do that to us.

Mr. Dooner – Could you spell your last name for us, please?

Ms. Cooperider – C-O-O-P-E-R-I-D-E-R.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you very much.

Ms. Cooperider – Thank you.

Jamie De Pould, 17321 Iyami Court, Strongsville, OH: You guys are going to be so sick of me.

Mr. Dooner – No, not...

Mr. De Pould – Jamie De Pould. 17321 Iyami Court. I'm sure you all closely read my letter from a few weeks ago. I'm going to requote some of the stuff from the comprehensive plan. "While important in maintaining the city's economic strength, non-residential development should in no way injuriously effect the residential environment." Now, I think we all know that Mr. Pinney's cash offer is trying to make up for some of the injurious effects of this proposed development and I'm not okay with that. I'm not okay with subsidizing his company's profits with my own health and well-being. Now, I know they're not going to put a through street at least not yet. We own the property at the end of the street, so that will be a fight, but there will still be cars thinking they can get through and driving down my street, turning around in the cul-de-sac where my kid rides his bike. Now, we already got hit by car once this year at the mall. It was not a fun experience. I don't want that to happen again, especially not right in front of my house. Let's not do this. This is a dumb idea. Mr. Daymut, you are up for reelection pretty soon.

Mr. Daymut – No, actually I'm not.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. De Pould – Well, it's sooner than you think because I've been paying attention. So, Ward seats are up in 2019, I believe. So, that's not that far away. Residents will remember how you voted on this one. Thank you.

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

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2017-111 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17800 ROYALTON ROAD (A PORTION OF PPN 396-12-002) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM OB (OFFICE BUILDING) CLASSIFICATION TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION AND **R-RS (RESTAURANT-RECREATIONAL SERVICES) CLASSIFICATION**, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **AS AMENDED**. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 07-03-17. Tabled by Planning Commission 07-13-17. Second reading, amended and referred to Planning Commission as amended 07-17-17. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 08-24-17. Third reading 09-05-17. Public hearing 10-16-17. Fourth reading 11-20-17.*

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

**Roll Call: Ayes: Daymut, Dooner, Southworth and Short.
Nays: DeMio, Carbone and Schonhut.**

**Motion carries.
Ordinance No. 2017-111 ADOPTED
AS AMENDED.**

Ordinance No. 2017-213 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 881.02, 881.04, 881.05, 881.07 AND 881.18 OF CHAPTER 881 OF TITLE FOUR OF PART EIGHT OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR IMPOSITION AND REGULATION OF THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. 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. 2017-213 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2017-214 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 5-001, 5-060, 5-282, 5-283, 6-003, 9-002, 9-004, 9-007, 9-008, 9-009 AND 9-010, IN ORDER TO ADJUST CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RANGE SCHEDULES; TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. 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. 2017-214 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-215 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2017 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-137.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. 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. 2017-215 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-216 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2018.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. 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. 2017-216 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2017-217 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO., INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOWMAN DRIVE, DRAKE ROAD AND FETZER DRIVE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. 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. 2017-217 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-218 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES THE LOT SPLIT PLAT FOR KATHERINE HOSTERMAN AND KARL HOSTERMAN, FOR PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 397-31-006, LOCATED AT 19074 HOWE ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. 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. 2017-218 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2017-219 by Mr. Daymut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PURPOSES FROM D & K DEVELOPMENT, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. 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. 2017-219 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2017-220 by Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR A PARKING LOT AT THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 18688 ROYALTON ROAD.

Placed on first reading.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2017-221 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Daymut. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE COMMONS PARKING LOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 2017-222 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT "C", WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. 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. 2017-222 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. DeMio – Mr. Dooner, before you do that. I would...I know it's tough, but...go ahead. I'm going to be just a second with the packets. Go ahead. Sorry.

Mr. Schonhut – As Mr. Dooner so elegantly alluded to earlier that in successful in my run for Councilman-at-Large here this previous November, which I am very grateful for and very much looking forward to representing the entire city. It's kind of hard to give up the position that I start with. Ward 2 will always have a very, very special place in my heart and obviously still going to continue to represent those people but looking forward to getting somebody into this seat, here that is going to have the same passion that I did for representing the citizens of Ward 2. With that my fellow council members, due to my election as Councilman-at-Large for the City of Strongsville City Council, I hereby tender my resignation from the City of Strongsville City Council as the Ward 2 Councilman to be effective at the close of business on Sunday, December 31, 2017.

Motion to accept resignation of Matt Schonhut from the Strongsville City Council as Ward 2 Councilman, to be effective at the close of business on Sunday, December 3, 2017 by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Daymut. Roll Call: Ayes: Southworth, Short, Carbone, DeMio, Daymut and Dooner. Abstained: Schonhut. Motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – I would also, I'm excited to, for the new position of Council-at-Large. I'm very grateful of the residents that stood behind me. It wasn't easy but we pulled through. I think it was the love for the community, the passion, the energy and hopefully the work ethic that I had shown over the years and with many, many supporters; starting with my family. A lot of my neighbors and a lot of my friends and people that I met throughout the course of the years. With that being said, due to my election as Councilman-at-Large for the City of Strongsville, I hereby tender my resignation for the Strongsville City Council, as Ward 3 Councilman to be effective at the close of business on Sunday, December 31, 2017.

Motion to accept resignation of Jim Carbone from the Strongsville City Council as Ward 3 Councilman to be effective at the close of business on Sunday, December 31, 2017 by Mr. DeMio, second by Mr. Daymut. Roll Call: Ayes: Short, Schonhut, DeMio, Daymut, Dooner and Southworth. Abstained: Carbone. Motion carries.

Letters of resignation from Jim Carbone and Matt Schonhut were given to the Clerk of Council, Aimee K. Pientka.

Mr. Schonhut – One thing that I left out...

Mr. Dooner – You talked about Jim, not letting him talk...

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, Ken.

Mr. Schonhut – Kenny and Duke, as much as sometimes we didn't agree on things and had some discussions one way or the other on things, I love both of you guys. It was a pleasure serving with both of you guys and hope that when we run into each other we can still have a beer together.

Mr. Dooner – Oh, don't worry...

Mr. Southworth – Beers are on you, Matt.

Mr. Schonhut – There you go.

Mr. DeMio – Before we conclude, Ken I would like to at least read the list of the candidates. For Ward 2. They are as followed and please note, that these folks are not prequalified, to our knowledge from the Board of Elections. These are the people that we will be interviewing as long as they fit that criteria. Is that acceptable, saying that Mr. Law Director?

Mr. Jamison – As council goes through the process and with the clerk's assistance and mine, then we'll determine that as we go through.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, but that has not been determined yet...

Mr. Jamison – Correct.

Mr. DeMio – I just wanted for the record to say that...

Mr. Jamison – Correct.

Mr. DeMio – In Ward 2 we have: Spenser Vago, Erin Lally, Timothy Meyers, Logan Fahey, Crystal Queen, Joseph Aseff, Bradley Cormier, Matt Finkler, Amy Casner, Annmarie Roff...Annmarie, I didn't know that.

Mr. Dooner – Annmarie...oh my...

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – And Timothy Sabath. Its spelled S-A-B-A-T-H. In Ward 3: Tim Zvoncheck, Kelly Kosek, Eric Boecker, Toby Cook, Jerry Ashford, James Ottobre, Robert Stein, Greg Gleine, G-L-E...

Mayor Perciak and Mr. Schonhut – Gleine...

Mr. DeMio – Gleine, thank you. I knew I'd say that one wrong because I never had the privilege of getting that introduction. Patricia Miles Ashford. Those are the candidates. As a reminder to council as a whole, the Ad Hoc Committee, which is the five of us that remain on council next year, the Ad Hoc Committee is at 4:30 at Foltz, the Mayor's Conference Room or another designated conference room. The packets are all here in full. Again, please note that we're waiting for verification on what I stated earlier. Ken, I think, if the law director says I'm done, I think we're good.

Mr. Short – Mr. Dooner, if I may. I do want to thank you and Duke for your service. It's been an honor to service with you for my two years on council. I wish you well in private life and if you do have issues, call Matt or Jimmy.

Mr. Dooner – I'm calling Walker first.

Mr. Short – But I do look forward to serving with Matt and Jim in there at-large positions and whoever we decide as a Council to appoint next year for the remainder of those terms. Thank you again gentlemen. God bless and God speed and have a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Dooner – Thank you. Any other miscellaneous business?

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Dooner adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Signature on file
Aimee K. Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

January 2, 2018
Date