

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY JUNE 18, 2018.

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, June 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Matthew A. Schonhut, Annmarie P. Roff, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, James E. Carbone, Kelly A. Kosek and Gordon C. Short. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Communications and Technology Director David Sems, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Assistant Building Commissioner Mike Miller, Assistant City Engineer Lori Daley, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Police Chief Mark Fender and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Council President DeMio 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 Schonhut advised Ordinance No. 2018-050 is an ordinance to rezone property located at the Kemper House, 10750 Prospect Road, (PPN 391-16-017) from R1-75 (One Family 75) classification to SR-1 (Senior Residence) classification. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation. There will be a public hearing on this tonight. The recommendation was to adopt this legislation. Ordinance No. 2018-091 is to authorize the mayor to accept a perpetual easement for traffic signal purposes, on real property located at the intersection of Royalton Road and SouthPark Center Drive in connection with the city-wide traffic signal system upgrade project. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation. Resolution No. 2018-052 is to advertise a request for qualifications and proposals for engineering design and consulting services for the CR 188 (Howe Road) and CR 205 (Shurmer Road) roundabout project. There was a committee of the whole meeting on May 23rd, as well as a Planning, Zoning, and Engineering meeting on June 14th regarding this project. Ms. Roff still had concerns regarding people being able to freely move in and out of their driveways, as well as side streets, near a roundabout. Ms. Roff also had a concern about a two-lane roundabout going in instead of a one-lane. Ms. Roff did review the 2014 NOACA congestion traffic management study. One of the recommendations in that study was that the entire Howe Road corridor be studied. This study has not been done yet; therefore, she is hesitant to approve this legislation until this study is done. Mr. Schonhut advised that voting on this legislation tonight is not authorizing construction of a roundabout. Mr. Schonhut also advised that this is just one area; the city will still be looking at improving the intersection of Howe Road near Tracy and Pomeroy. Mr. Carbone stated that when the slip ramp was presented for this area, there were concerns. NOACA looked into it and deemed it as a highly unfeasible project. That opened the door for this project. The recommendation was to adopt the legislation this evening. Resolution No. 2018-092 coincides with Ordinance No. 2018-050. This is to place that rezoning on the ballot for the electors at the November election. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt that legislation.

Finance Committee: Chairman Carbone advised Ordinance No. 2018-093 is an appropriations ordinance. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairwoman Roff recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2018-094. This is to increase the contract amount with Kokosing Materials, Inc. for purchase of asphalt materials for use by the service department. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation. Ms. Kosek advised she will be abstaining from this vote because her law firm represents Kokosing Materials.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. DeMio advised Ordinance No. 2018-088 is to amend Chapter 876-“Use of Public Ways by Service Providers” of the Codified Ordinances. This will be placed on second reading this evening. Ordinance No. 2018-095 is to submit to the electors a proposed amendment to Article II of the Charter entitled “The Mayor” in Section 5(g) to provide for the education requirements for the police and fire departments in order to be eligible for the future promotion by the mayor to chief of police and fire chief. Ordinance No. 2018-096 is to submit to the electors a proposed amendment to Article II of the Charter entitled “The Mayor” in Section 7 to provide for the procedure to be followed and order of succession in the event or absence or vacancy in the office of the mayor. Ordinance No. 2018-097 is to submit to the electors a proposed amendment to Article III of the Charter entitled “The Council” in Section 8 to provide for the procedure to be followed in the event of a vacancy in the term of office for a member of council. Ordinance No. 2018-098 is to submit to the electors a proposed amendment to Article III of the Charter entitled “The Council” in Section 10 to provide for council to determine by ordinance the starting time for regular meetings of council. Ordinance No. 2018-099 is to submit to the electors a proposed amendment to Article III of the Charter entitled “The Council” in Section 12 to provide for council posting in not less than two location within the municipality. Ordinance No. 2018-100 is to submit to the electors a proposed amendment to Article V of the Charter entitled “Finance” in Section 5(B) to provide that council by vote of not less than six of its members may authorize certain expenditures, in emergencies or other limited circumstances, without public bidding. Ordinance No. 2018-101 is to submit to the electors a proposed amendment to Article VII of the Charter entitled “Nominations and Elections” to provide for the enactment of anew Section 5 “Qualified Electors,” in order to define such term as used in the city’s Charter. Ordinance No. 2018-102 is to submit to the electors a proposed amendment to Article VII of the Charter entitled “Nominations and Elections” to provide for the enactment of new Section 6 “General Qualifications of Elected Officials. All of these will be placed on first reading this evening. Two representatives from the Charter Commission will come to the July 2nd council meeting to discuss with council these proposed amendments.

Mr. DeMio referred to a memo he sent all of council, and to some administrators, regarding issues concerning sections of the Codified Ordinances pertaining to requirements associated with R1-125 residential districts and cluster developments. He would like to schedule a committee of the whole meeting sometime next week to discuss how to rectify certain issues coming up as a result of this.

Mr. DeMio advised council received correspondence for a future rezoning application for a gas station (Circle K) located at W. 130th and Royalton Road.

Mr. DeMio also advised that he spoke to Mayor Perciak regarding a security issue for the council clerk’s offices regarding residents walking right into their offices when they are conducting business, and without signing in.

Motion made by Mr. Schonhut, seconded by Mr. Carbone, to approve the May 23, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Mr. Short abstained from the vote. All other present members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Daymut asked about the Mad Cactus parking lot and people using it to park their vehicles there and the plywood on the sides of the building. Mr. Biondillo asked Mr. Daymut if he would like to have the parking lot chained off. Mr. Daymut thought that would be a good idea. Mr. Biondillo felt vehicles in the parking lot helped to give the appearance that building is not vacant. There is also a safety access issue in case emergency vehicles needed to get on the property.

Mr. DeMio advised the property on Pierce that council rezoned is a disaster. He would like that looked into.

Mr. Short advised Pulte Homes has not graded a lot of the lots located in Fieldstone Preserve. Mr. Biondillo advised there are some issues over there and the city has stopped issuing permits until these issues can be rectified.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President DeMio called the meeting to order at 8:03 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: Matthew A. Schonhut, Annmarie P. Roff, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, James E. Carbone, Kelly A. Kosek and Gordon C. Short. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Communications and Technology Director David Sems, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Assistant Building Commissioner Mike Miller, Assistant City Engineer Lori Daley, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Police Chief Mark Fender and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 4, 2018 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Recognition of Sheryl Kay Buschman for her thirty-eight years of dedicated service as a Police, Fire and EMS Dispatcher for the City of Strongsville.

Mr. DeMio – Now comes the fun time of our meeting. Mayor, what do you think?

Mayor Perciak – I think so.

Mr. DeMio – I think so too; so would Sheryl K. Buschman come to the front.

At this time, Mayor Perciak, and all members of council, recognized Sheryl K. Buschman for her service to the City of Strongsville.

(Applause)

Mrs. Buschman – So a dispatcher gets to talk again.

(Laughter)

Mrs. Buschman – To paraphrase a great general, "Dispatchers don't die, they just stop transmitting." Thank you very much.

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

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Sherry, and thank you Karl, for all your years of service to our community too; along with the entire Buschman family and your dad.

(Applause)

Chief Fender – We just want to add it's difficult to really follow up on what the mayor and council has done here; but Sherry, you're part of the fabric of the police department. We go a long way back, and no recently, with the entire emergency services. There are a few words that we would like to share. This was put together by a combination of the police department and your department and we'd like to share that with you. Tonight we are recognizing Dispatcher Sheryl Buschman; telecommunicator, educator, font of knowledge, and most importantly a friend as she prepares to retire at the end of this week after 38 years of service to the City of Strongsville. The storied career of Sheryl Buschman, better known as Sherry, started on June 22, 1980. This was a time before everything was computerized. She had to check license plates and driving status in a card system issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The city's recording device used a reel to reel tape system that had to be changed every 24 hours. The log was on a typewriter, and all calls for service had to be typed on a separate form. When computers did arrive, they were enormous machines, and you had to type a line of code for every entry. 9-1-1 was a simple push button telephone, with 3 lines, and provided no address or phone number call back information. Sherry has worked through changing over to a computerized record keeping system, voice recordings kept digitally, and enhanced 9-1-1. She has also adapted to the advent of regional emergency dispatch consolidation. Sherry's career has been an example of professionalism in emergency dispatching. Sherry has always been the trusted go to person for information pertaining to emergency dispatch. Not only does she retain information, she is happy to impart it to anyone who is willing to listen and learn. Sherry would be the one who would recognize an address, a subdivision, a street, a park, or even a person in Strongsville when Strongsville was the only city we dispatched for. Now that we dispatch for three additional cities she still strives to have that same level of intimate knowledge for the cities that she serves. She has taken scores of classes to keep abreast of current trends and techniques in the telecommunications arena. Training dispatchers has become a passion for Sherry. Every member of the current Southwest Emergency Dispatching team has at some point been trained by Sherry. She formalized her education as a dispatch trainer with APCO (The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials) and began teaching adults in 1999. She was eventually retained by Polaris Vocational School to teach Emergency Communications in their Criminal Justice Program which she will continue to do after retirement with us. In the year 2000, Sherry was recognized by the Ohio Chapter of APCO International for her professionalism as a telecommunicator. She received the prestigious Gold Star Award for Professionalism as voted by her peers from across the State. In 2016, Sherry was the unanimous choice for the inaugural Knights of Columbus Dispatcher of the Year Award here in Strongsville. Sherry is always one to unselfishly give of herself, and participate in any gift, recognition, or contribution to any employee or employee's family member when a situation arises. She makes sure if someone needed encouragement or help, she lends a hand, sends a card or note, or even gives a gift on her own. She has created some lasting relationships in her career, that we are positive will last long into her retirement. As Sherry's career comes to close it also closes out 65 years of Buschman family involvement with the Strongsville Police Department starting with retired Chief Ray Buschman, husband Karl Buschman, and now Sherry. Sherry Buschman retires as an employee, team member, and friend who will be missed on the job. However her contributions and impact on our dispatching team and profession will last for years to come.

At this time, Chief Fender presented Mrs. Buschman with a plaque honoring her service.

(Applause)

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

Presentation by Cameron Ryba, Superintendent of the Strongsville City Schools, regarding a possible new operating levy.

At this time, Mr. Ryba gave his slideshow presentation. A copy of which is attached to the back of these minutes. This presentation will also be shown on the city's public access channel.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2018-050 by Mr. Schonhut. 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 10750 PROSPECT ROAD (PPN 391-16-017) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO SR-1 (SENIOR RESIDENCE) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 04-16-18. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 04-26-18. Second reading 05-07-18. Public hearing 06-18-18.*

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

Mary Cavanaugh, 22701 Edgecliff Drive, Euclid, OH: Thank you, my name is Mary Cavanaugh and my address is 22701 Edgecliff Drive, Euclid, OH 44123. I'm the in-house council for Kemper House, Strongsville which is the applicant for the zoning change request. I'm here with Betty Kemper who is the founder of the Kemper House facility.

Mr. DeMio – Betty, we see you on TV and know your story.

Ms. Kemper – Thank you. What you probably don't know is I moved to Strongsville last year-10747 Meadow Trail, Strongsville, OH.

Ms. Cavanaugh – So we are requesting a change in zoning for the parcel that is adjacent to the Kemper House Strongsville facility from R1-75 to senior residence. Kemper House Strongsville is a residential care facility for Alzheimer's and dementia, located at the intersection of Albion Road and Prospect Road. We were here...about 2014. At that time, we were also requesting an expansion of the facility. As a result of that, it went to the voters and it was approved. We've been able to add an additional unit with 18 additional residences. We've really increased the ability to serve the residents and family in the area. Recently, the parcel adjacent to us became available on Prospect Road at 10750 Prospect. The partners in Kemper House Strongsville acquired that parcel in March of 2018. We don't have specific plans for, or definite plans for how we want to use the parcel other than our hope is to consider a small addition for office space, looking at some additional parking for the facility and to do kind of both a walking path for the residents and some landscaped area kind of at the borders of the parcel. If the application is approved, the zoning change request would go to the voters in November of 2018 and the zoning change would enable us to use this parcel consistent with the use of the Kemper House facility that is right next door. We're available if there are any questions, but we're hoping that we'll get approved.

Mr. DeMio – Does council have any questions at all?

(No Comments)

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

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

Nicole Marcellino, 21032 Hickory Branch Trail, Strongsville, OH: Hi, my name is Nicole Marcellino, this is my husband, Michael Marcellino. We live at 21032 Hickory Branch Trail in Strongsville. We live in The Residence which is directly behind the parcel that is up for debate right now.

Mr. Marcellino – So, I mean from a standpoint of being...

Mr. DeMio – Could you do me a quick favor, and I should know this being Italian, please spell your last name.

Mr. Marcellino – Marcellino is M-A-R-C-E-L-L-I-N-O. I just wanted to thank the mayor and council for hearing us today. Whether we are opposed or we're opposed for basically the unknown; we don't know what is going to go on with property at all. We purchased...we've been residents for 13 years here in Strongsville, second house; just recently moved to this community right behind the proposed rezoning parcel. Right now it is an empty wooded lot. There is a vague description in the petition about what the property is being used for, plan be used for; in addition to a rough outline of wetland and there really isn't a lot of specifics as to what they plan on doing with the property. I guess what we're looking for is some kind of input as to the scope of the project, what's being done...

Ms. Marcellino – I think what he's trying to say is without having any idea of what it is that they are planning; I mean, it sounds great, walking paths...it sounds great, a parking lot, a potential addition. In theory, that sounds great for the Kemper House which we love what you do for the community; it's a wonderful thing, but as homeowners and residents whose primary focus is our family, all of these unknowns bring up a whole bunch of unanswered questions for us. For us, we can't understand how this could potentially be passed when there isn't any kind of timeline, there isn't any kind of scope of work.

Mr. DeMio – I will kindly ask our law director to go over the process. One thing you please have to remember, and I understand the anxiety of what it's like. I live right off of Royalton Road and every two years, ii know the mayor knows this, there's a group of people that want to buy things on Royalton Road to rezone things. I sincerely understand; so with that I will remind also it is going to go on the ballot if in fact it gets passed tonight. There will be certainly more of a definition when that would happen, but I think our law director would like to say...if it's okay.

Mr. Jamison – Well, I would say this is not the time for dialogue or information. It's really their opportunity to come up and express their opinions against the project. I can later on explain the process at that time, but this is not the time to have a dialogue with the residents in the public hearing. They are here to speak their peace and present it to council. When the ordinance comes up, I'll address it at that time.

Mr. DeMio – So would that be today then?

Mr. Jamison – Yes, I will do it today.

Mr. Schonhut – We could do it out of my committee, when it's in my committee.

Mr. Jamison – Now is not the time for me to have a dialogue. This is their chance to express their opinion.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – Yes, so we'll listen to you right now; we're digesting that, and then when the appropriate time comes, and I stand corrected, our law director is absolutely correct. If I interrupted you, I apologize. Is there anything else you wanted to say?

Ms. Marcellino – Nothing else at this time, no.

Mr. Marcellino – I think you pretty much answered, that's all you can answer right now.

Mr. DeMio – All right, sounds fair. I thank you so much. Ms. Cavanaugh may be able to help you a little bit later too.

Mr. DeMio – Is there anyone else who would like to come up? Just come to the podium and give your name and number.

Tom Prusnek, 10708 Prospect Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Tom Prusnek. I live at 10708 Prospect Road, right beside the vacant lot. I have lived there since 1980. I have seen a lot of new development go in the area, as everybody knows in Strongsville. My lot is very low. I am like the low man on the totem pole there. I know when fireside builders had the lot, they dumped a lot of dirt on the lot and it floods my lot which I cut like a swale down the side to alleviate some of that; but if you look how high the property is on the vacant lot and the Kemper House lot, I mean I'm sitting way low. I still have a lot of water draining down my house. I know that the back property is supposed to be designated as wetlands. Is something going to be done with that? Is that still going to be considered wetlands? Like the prior couple, I would just like to know a little more what is going to be done with the property. I understand that it may be a little early here. I will (unintelligible) them topo graphs and everything there.

Mayor Perciak – Sir, a note to all those things, this is just the zoning issue to put it on the ballot so people can vote. I can assure you that engineering, once they receive whatever Mrs. Kemper wants to do with that should it pass, we'll review all those things with you and more. Our building commissioner will make certain those... I forget, he's passed away now I think. Is there anything going on over there Tony that we need to know about? But was there any dumping there that we were unaware of? Would you send out one of the guys tomorrow and just check that out for us?

Mr. Prusnek – Well, Gino dumped a bunch of dirt there from a basement awhile back. You look at it, it's high.

Mayor Perciak – Take a look at it, would you Tony?

Mr. Prusnek – I've had Gino cut the property down. They had to clear it and I cut it over there to make it look decent.

Mayor Perciak – Well, we're going to check there too, thank you.

Mr. Prusnek – I appreciate that.

Mayor Perciak – Tony, he's got guys over there that will check that real quickly.

Mr. DeMio – Is there anyone else that is opposed in this public hearing?

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

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes, just like the superintendent said, the board took the first step in passing one of two resolutions to put the \$7.9 mil continuing operating levy on the November ballot. Again, that would be \$23 per month per \$100,000.00 of your home. Congratulations to Carl Walcher who was named the girls' varsity basketball coach. Strongsville Knights of Columbus's "Teacher of the Year" for 2017/2018 was Ms. Kathy Janke, a sixth grade teacher at the middle school. Strongsville Council's PTA "Outstanding District Educator of the Year" was Lori Yates. She is a third grade teacher at Kinsner; so congratulations to both of them. Also at the school board meeting they passed the full day kindergarten set tuition for 2018/2019 school year at \$2,200. Lastly, a big congratulations, if you say in The Strongsville Post, to Joy Schaeffer. She earned the top rank at West Point...our own from Strongsville, so that was pretty impressive. Congratulations to her and that ends my report.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you Mr. Carbone, are there any questions or concerns for Mr. Carbone?

(None)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. DeMio, there was no meeting since our last council meeting but there should be one before our next meeting so I will have an update then. I'll happily take any questions and if not, I will close my committee.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. DeMio, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I will happily answer any questions you would have.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Kosek: We have no ordinances or resolutions but I am somewhat excited to share that we're going to have...we've already started posting the video of our meetings. Those will all be available online; typically the day after the meeting they will be streaming so you don't have to tune in right when we start. You can on your own time, if you have a burning issue that you want to see our faces, you can go online and see that. That's going to be on the city council page right beside where the agenda is and that should be available tomorrow. That was a new enhancement that we're doing to try and be a little bit more transparent for the residents. Hopefully, that will be something that people will take advantage of. That's all I have.

Mr. DeMio – Mayor, I would just like to note, if you could make us look as good as possible through our IT guys, we would certainly appreciate that. It may take a little work for this one...the others look good. My nose gets a little bigger the older I get.

Mayor Perciak – Joe, we're going to do our very best and I'm sure Mr. Sems...he's going to do his very best. We don't have makeup artists, but we'll do our best.

Mr. DeMio – I appreciate that so much. So does my bride.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: Thank you Mr. DeMio, we have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I would like to announce that our next meeting will be not Monday, but Wednesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the senior center. I would also like to announce that the continuing master plan review by Cuyahoga County will hold an open house #2 on Thursday, June 28th. The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission again will be hosting the second open house in regards to the Southwest/Strongsville master plan. The meeting will begin at 6:30p.m. and will be held in the event center within the Strongsville Recreation Center at 18100 Royalton Road. I encourage all residents that might be watching, or anybody in the audience today to please participate in that. We're getting near the end of that. Hopefully you'll be able to have by this fall some feedback from the county concerning our new master plan. That's all I have Mr. DeMio, thank you.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – Just one thing Mr. President if I may add as far as the meeting, this was the date that the county recommended and that the county could get the majority of the people working on the comprehensive plan there. Myself and Director Painter made the county aware that there's a Planning Commission that night, or a scheduled Planning Commission meeting that night. So Matt, we're just going to have to figure out how we're going to do it but...

Mr. DeMio – To make it work. Mr. Daymut, may I close?

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, that's all I have.

FINANCE – Mr. Carbone: Yes, I have one ordinance this evening, Ordinance No. 2018-093. This is making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures for the year 2018. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt.

Mr. DeMio – Any questions for Mr. Carbone?

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. DeMio, a couple of ordinances and a couple of resolutions tonight. First and foremost, Ordinance No. 2018-050 and Resolution No. 2018-092, both of which deal with Kemper House. Since I'm a little under the weather, I'm going to defer to Neal and then finish your talking afterwards.

Mr. Jamison – Thank you Mr. Schonhut, so the questions that came up earlier were really for down the road. What is before council tonight are two pieces of legislation. The first one is for council to authorize going forward with the rezoning; and then there is a resolution to actually put it on the ballot for this November. So what does that mean? That means that the way this property is presently constituted, it's zoned residential. Our charter provides that anytime there is a rezoning of any residential property, the voters of the city and that particular ward have to approve that. The questions about development, about topography or wetlands, that will come down the road if they in fact do get the zoning changed and they then seek to develop that land whatever it might be; it might be a building, it might be a trail we heard, it might be parking, they might not do anything with it; but whatever they propose to do, then there's a process through the city in terms of going through the engineering and building department, potentially coming to the Planning Commission, to then get permission. That's when those questions get addressed at that time in terms of what that might look like, what it might do; if there are property maintenance issues, that's something the building department, as the mayor was alluding to, will be addressed at the appropriate time. Tonight is really the property owner seeking council's approval to basically go forward and rezone the land to give them the opportunity to be able to use the land consistent with the use that they currently have, senior residence living. If they don't get that zoning, then they don't have the right to then develop it for senior residence. Tonight is really just to go forward and to get that; but ultimately the voters are going to decide, in this city and ward, in terms of what's going on. At the end of the day, this is just the start of this process. It's not determining what the building is going to look like. It has to pass through the whole city. At the end of the day, this is just the start of that process. They might come back and decide not to do anything with the land, but they're giving themselves that option or ability to use it at the appropriate time. So...yeah...I think I did, but it also has to pass in Ward 3; so the people in your neighborhood, your fellow residents, would have to approve this as well, not only for the entire city. This is really just giving them that ability to move forward to basically to have the right to use the land.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

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

Mr. Jamison (cont'd) - If they ever do come forward to try and develop it, whatever it might be, whatever restrictions might be there, that's when engineering and building would look at it, as well as our Architectural Review Board and Planning Commission, and then go through the appropriate process. The questions that were raised were mainly on those lines. That will be taken care of down the road. As the last gentleman came up, we'll have the building department look and see if what was done in the past has caused some kind of issue in terms of the grade or the draining or anything like that. I hopefully have answered it. I know I have a habit of going on too long.

Mr. Schonhut – I would just add since my name is on the ordinance, it's not that I had the idea to rezone Mrs. Kemper's property. I'm simply the chairman of the planning committee. She came to us requesting to rezone and that's why my name is on there because we have to act on her request to rezone. As Neal said, obviously it's going to go to the vote of the people. Should it pass, I'm confident in our planning department, our engineering department, our Architectural Review Board are all very good at making sure that abutting residences, whatever Mrs. Kemper decides to do, are well protected and taken care of; whether it's from a water issue or a screening issue, whatever it may be. Again, I don't know what your plans are; that's not what we vote on anyway when we are looking at a rezoning. I'm sure that in the future, should anything happen there, that the different departments in this city will make sure that everybody is well looked out for in one shape or another. Does that answer most of your questions that you had for us I hope? Okay, so with that please adopt Ordinance No. 2018-050 and suspend and adopt Resolution No. 2018-092. We also have Ordinance No. 2018-091. This is with SouthPark Mall, a small right-of-way acquisition for \$4530.00, for a traffic signal over there. I ask that we suspend and adopt that tonight as well please. Resolution No. 2018-052, this is the Howe Road and Shurmer Road roundabout. I should note that should this pass tonight, this is not authorizing the construction of that; it's not authorizing even the engineering of that. It's simply authorizing the mayor and his team to go out and get qualifications and proposals from different engineering and consulting firms. That is where we are at in this process should this pass. Again, this is not an end-all be-all, but that is where we are at. I ask that everybody vote their conscience on that tonight. If anybody has any questions on any of those ordinances or resolutions or anything else out of my committee, I would be happy to answer them; however, I would like to stop talking at this point; it would be great.

Mr. DeMio – For those that are here for the Kemper House, Kelly Kosek is your Ward 3 council lady so you can always reach out to Kelly as well if you have some additional issues. She'll get you any information just so everyone is on the same page. Do we have any questions at all for Matt?

(None)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. DeMio, we no ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda, but I will happily take any questions. If not, I'll close the committee.

Mr. DeMio – Are there any questions from council members or administration?

(None)

Mr. DeMio – If you folks would like to use our caucus room, now is the time.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff: I have Ordinance No. 2018-094 and this is an ordinance to increase the contracted amount that was agreed on for asphalt for the city for the last year and a half and to follow through the rest of this year from Ordinance No. 2017-071. The increase is \$100,000.00, just based off of the condition of the roads and the winter that we had. That's suspend and adopt, the recommendation. We do need all seven for that, or all eligible voting for that.

Mr. DeMio – Now would be the time Ms. Kosek.

Ms. Kosek – I guess that's my cue to explain what Ann is talking about. So there has been a couple of votes that have happened at the last several meetings where I've had to abstain. Just to be clear, I want to give some explanation as to why that happens. As some of you may know, I'm an attorney at a law firm that has six offices and has a hundred lawyers. If one of my partners or if one of the attorneys at our office, or I represent a client that would be doing business with Strongsville, and if by voting it might appear improper, I will abstain. So to be clear, there's not anything improper happening, it's just to avoid the appearance of impropriety and to ensure that there's no question that my loyalty is either to Strongsville or to my law firm. I take my ethical obligations as an attorney and as a councilwoman very seriously. With that said, on this issue you'll hear me say abstain tonight so there will be six voting as opposed to seven.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff: I have nothing for parks and recreations unless anybody has any questions for me. I know that they are up and moving with the park grant correct? Everything came through? That's great, that's nice to see. I know there's been some hits on that...they want the park somewhere else but it's in a nice area and a nice design; that's all.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. DeMio: We have several pieces of legislation on the Council as a Whole. The only one that we...well actually Ordinance No. 2018-088 is a second reading as is, well not as is, and all other ordinances that pertain to this committee, from Ordinance No. 2018-095 through Ordinance No. 2018-102 are first reading. Just to clarify that, one is a second reading, the first one, and the remainder are first readings. I want to make sure before I close is there anything else we need to do at our committees Neal? Are we good?

Mr. Jamison – We're good.

Mr. DeMio – I know the mayor is going to do this, but I'm going to remind people to make sure they enjoy the Rib Burn-Off this weekend. He will go on to I'm sure a...

Mayor Perciak – That ends my report.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK:

(No report)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:

Mr. Jamison – I will speak on his behalf, he is hopefully getting off the boat as we speak. The finance director certifies that funding is available for all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda.

A copy of the memorandum certifying this is attached to the back of these minutes.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That ends my report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Terry Rygiel, 16116 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Terry Rygiel. I live at 16116 Shurmer Road. I am the first house on the street from Howe Road. I was concerned about other options that were offered, but my opinion now is could we get more engineering and have them do a survey besides just my corner? The traffic is backed up all the way from Royalton Road. They stop at the Brew Garden and people are trying to get in and out of there. We have the 200 resident apartment building, people trying to get in and out of there. They have a red light...it backs up. It isn't just Shurmer Road where the light is red that's holding up the traffic. I firmly believe that if we did the whole strip at least maybe something could be done besides having a big roundabout right there on my corner. I mean I have trouble now pulling out of my yard. Just think when they cannot stop and they're just going to keep flying through and I won't even be able to get out of my yard; I won't be able to go get my mail; I won't even put my snow plow through because of the traffic that is going to be coming through. I'm just asking if maybe there was more than just one corner being looked at besides mine. I'm not talking about a walking path, I'm talking about there's going to be a lot of cement there in that corner. If that could be a consideration besides just that one corner, thank you.

Mr. DeMio – I do remind you, and I already know you know this, please reach out to Ann as your Ward 2 councilwoman; make sure you keep in touch with her. I know you already do that; I just wanted to qualify that. She will update you all way through the process.

Ms. Rygiel – I'm just worried, I'm very worried that...

Mr. DeMio – And I would be too.

Ms. Rygiel – They just don't stop when there's a roundabout and people aren't sure what to do so they just fly through. I know how it is going to be. It's going to be awful. I mean, people now can't turn right or they can't turn left because there's only one lane each way so they have to wait of course, but maybe if another lane was put in...anything that will help.

Mr. DeMio – Well I know this council is looking forward to the study if, in fact, it passes here tonight for this portion. Again, I think Mr. Schonhut said it correctly where this is just for that study right now. It doesn't mean we're...

Ms. Roff – That's engineering...

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much for coming up. Anyone else?

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2018-050 by Mr. Schonhut. 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 10750 PROSPECT ROAD (PPN 391-16-017) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO SR-1 (SENIOR RESIDENCE) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 04-16-18. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 04-26-18. Second reading 05-07-18. Public hearing 06-18-18.*

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-050 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2018-052 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Schonhut. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CR 188 (HOWE ROAD) AND CR 205 (SHURMER ROAD) ROUNDABOUT PROJECT. *First reading 04-16-18. Second reading 05-07-18.*

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Daymut, DeMio, Short, Kosek, Carbone, Schonhut.
Nays: Roff**

Motion carries. Resolution No. 2018-052 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2018-088 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 876 "USE OF PUBLIC WAYS BY SERVICE PROVIDERS" OF TITLE TWO OF PART EIGHT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 06-04-18.*

Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2018-091 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL PURPOSES, ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROYALTON ROAD AND SOUTHPARK CENTER DRIVE IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY-WIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. Schonhut. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-091 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2018-092 by Mr. Schonhut. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-050 TO THE ELECTORS, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION DATE THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. Schonhut. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2018-092 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2018-093 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-066.

Motion by Mr. Carbone to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. Schonhut. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-093 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2018-094 by Mayor Perciak and Ms. Roff. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-071 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATED CONTRACT AMOUNT AND AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH KOKOSING MATERIALS, INC. FOR PURCHASE OF ASPHALT MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY, WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. Schonhut. Ms. Kosek abstained. All other members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Carbone, Schonhut, Roff, Daymut, DeMio, Short
Abstain: Kosek**

Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2018-094 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2018-095 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE II OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "THE MAYOR" IN SECTION 5(g) TO PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FUTURE PROMOTION BY THE MAYOR TO CHIEF OF POLICE AND FIRE CHIEF, RESPECTIVELY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2018-096 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE II OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "THE MAYOR" IN SECTION 7 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AND ORDER OF SUCCESSION IN THE EVENT OF THE ABSENCE OR VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2018-097 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE III OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "THE COUNCIL" IN SECTION 8, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR A MEMBER OF COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2018-098 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE III OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "THE COUNCIL" IN SECTION 10, TO PROVIDE FOR COUNCIL TO DETERMINE BY ORDINANCE THE STARTING TIME FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2018-099 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE III OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "THE COUNCIL" IN SECTION 12, TO PROVIDE FOR COUNCIL POSTING IN NOT LESS THAN TWO LOCATIONS ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, STATEMENTS, ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, NOTICES AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2018-100 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE V OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "FINANCE" IN SECTION 5(b), TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL BY A VOTE OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) OF ITS MEMBERS MAY AUTHORIZE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES, IN EMERGENCIES OR OTHER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2018-101 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VII OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS" TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENACTMENT OF NEW SECTION 5 "QUALIFIED ELECTORS," IN ORDER TO DEFINE SUCH TERM AS USED IN THE CITY'S CHARTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2018-102 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE VII OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS" TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENACTMENT OF NEW SECTION 6 "GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:


There being no further business to come before this Council, President DeMio adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.


Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

07-02-18
Date

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: June 6, 2018
To: President and Members of Council
From: Joseph K. Dubovec CPA, Director of Finance 
CC: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak
Neal M. Jamison, Law Director
Subject: Certification of Funding for June 18, 2018 Council Meeting

Since I will not be present at the June 18, 2018 Council meeting, I respectfully request that the "Certification of Funding" below be read at the Council Meeting in my absence in order to confirm and document the funding in accordance with law.

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING
FOR
June 18, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

Based upon careful review of the proposed June 18, 2018 Council Meeting Agenda, I hereby certify that Funds will be made available for all Ordinances and Resolutions on such Agenda requiring certification of funding.



Joseph K. Dubovec CPA
Director of Finance

Date: June 6, 2018

Strongsville City Schools

District's Financial Future



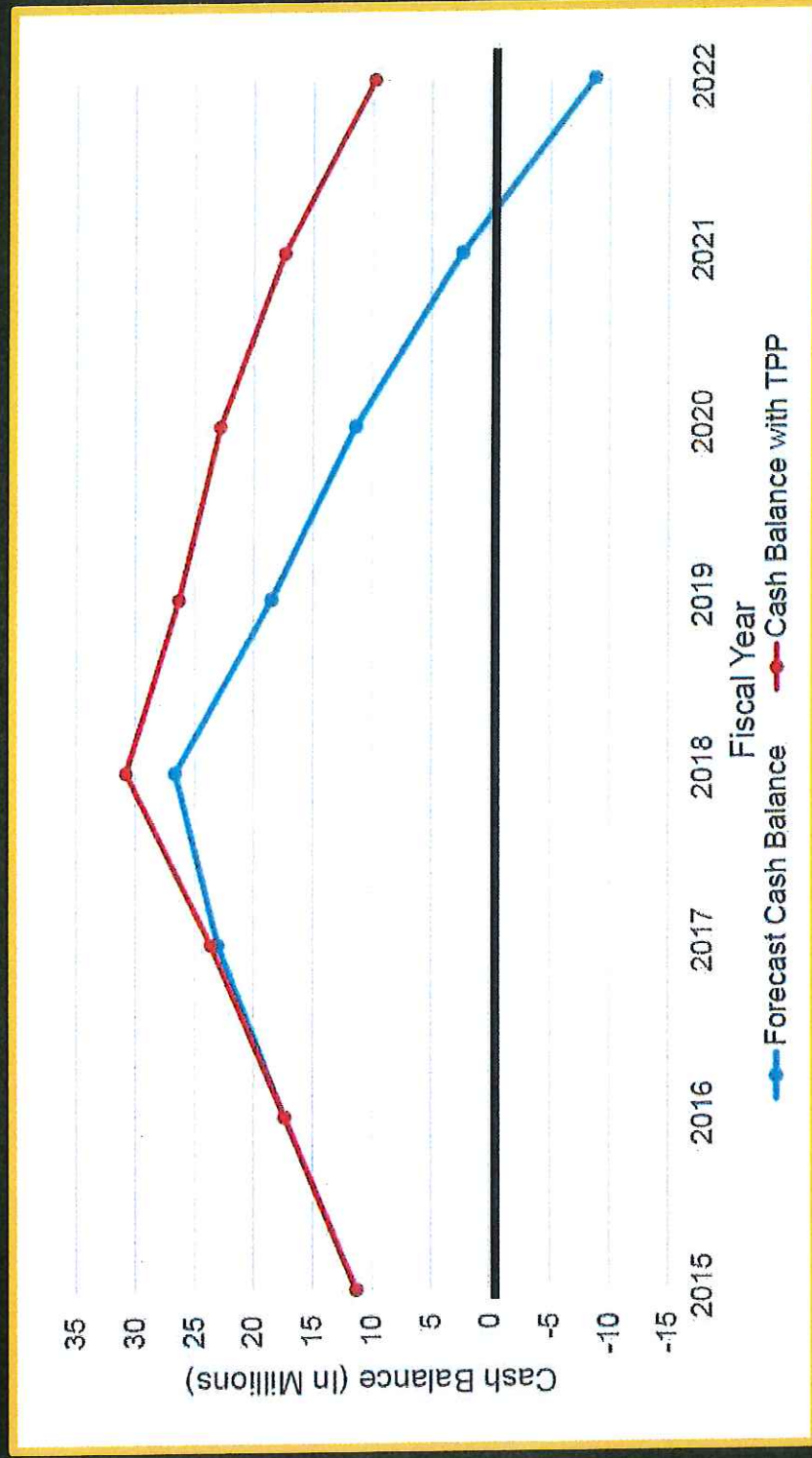
City Council Presentation

June 18, 2018

Impact of State/Local Funding Reductions



Impact of State/Local Funding Reductions on Financial Forecast



Impact of State/Local Funding Reductions on Financial Forecast

State Funding Reductions (2007 - Present):

- ❑ Elimination of Tangible Personal Property Tax
- ❑ Reduction of \$8.6 million annually

Local Funding Reductions (2018 - Present):

- ❑ Cleveland Clinic awarded tax exempt status on building/land
- ❑ Reduction of \$400,000 annually due to the Clinic's exemption
- ❑ Tax refund of \$2.0 million owed to Cleveland Clinic by September 2018

May 2018 Five-Year Forecast

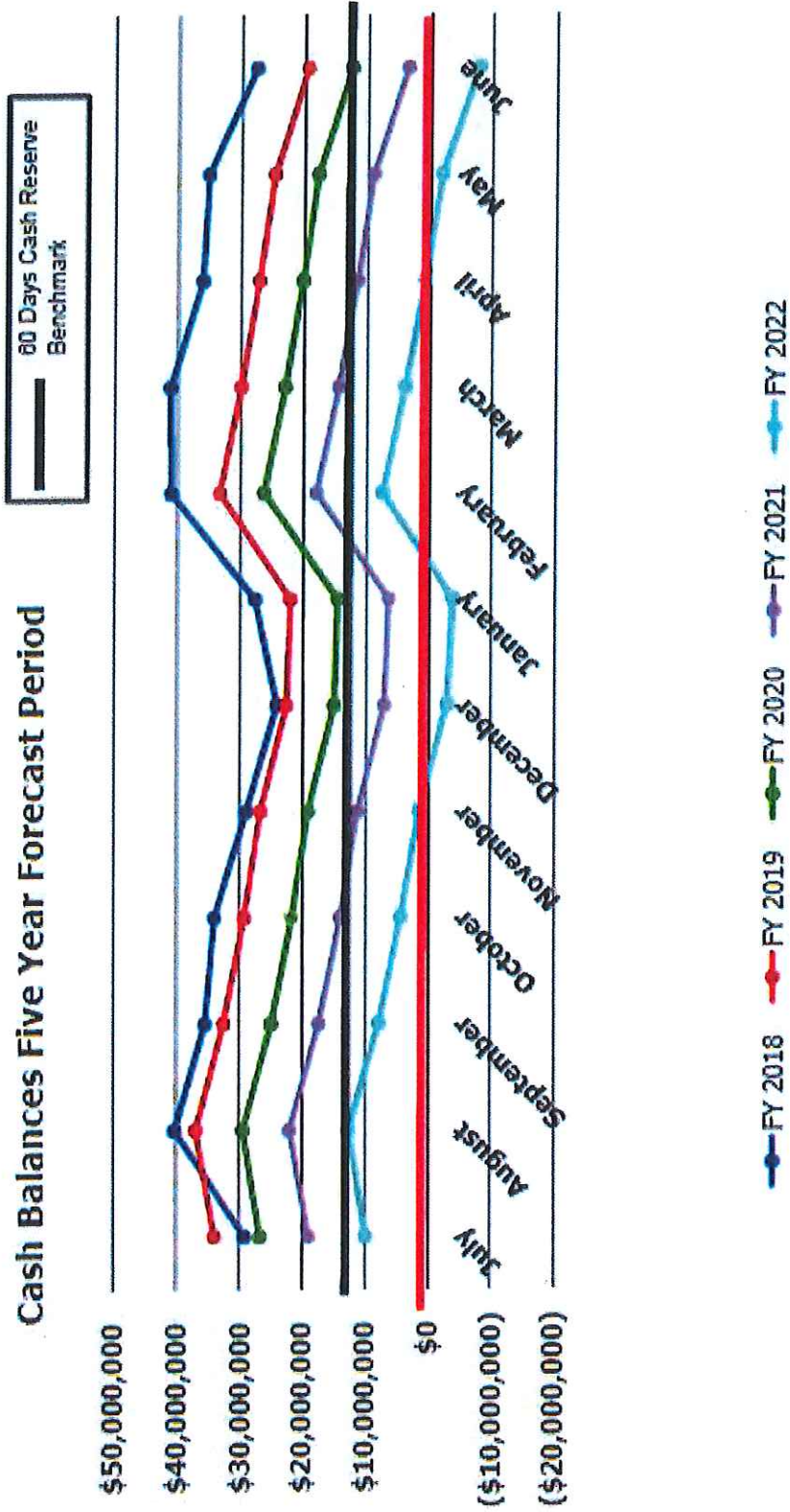
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Beginning Cash Balance	\$7.2	\$12.4	\$18.4	\$24.2	\$27.7	\$19.6	\$12.5	\$3.5
Total Revenues	71.9	72.9	73.4	74.4	66.6	69.4	69.3	68.8
Total Expenses	66.7	66.9	67.6	70.9	74.7	76.5	78.3	80.0
Revenue over Expenses	5.2	6.0	5.8	3.5	(8.1)	(7.1)	(9.0)	(11.2)
Ending Cash Balance	12.4	18.4	24.2	27.7	19.6	12.5	3.5	(7.7)
Encumbrances/Reserves	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Unencumbered Balance	\$11.3	\$17.4	\$23.0	\$26.6	\$18.5	\$11.4	\$2.4	(\$8.8)

Metrics to Assess Financial Stability



Cash Reserve of 60 Days or More

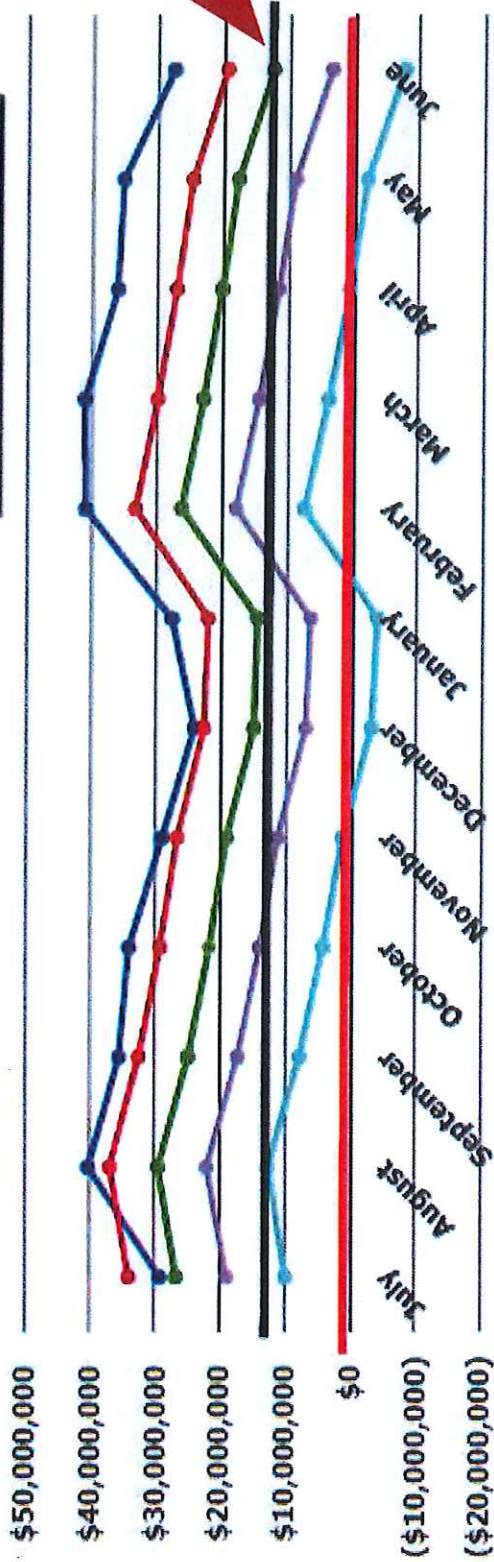
Cash Balances Five Year Forecast Period



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Cash Balances Five Year Forecast Period

80 Days Cash Reserve Benchmark



FY 2020

General Fund Balance

General Fund Balance Compared to Revenue (target 15%):

- FY18: 35.7%
- FY19: 27.7%
- FY20: 16.4%
- **FY21: 3.5%**
- **FY22: 12.8%**

Revenue Over Expenses/Fiscal Stability

Expenditures Exceeding Revenue (beginning in FY 19):

- FY18: 3.5
- FY19: (8.1)
- FY20: (7.1)
- FY21: (9.0)
- FY22: (11.2)

Options to Proactively Enhance the District's Financial Future



Implemented Cost Efficiency Measures

Enacted cost efficiencies that did not negatively impact our students, programs, or services (2007 - Present):

- ❑ Reduction of 199 positions
- ❑ Elimination of six (6) buildings and repurposing of one (1) building
- ❑ Savings of \$4.6 million due to switching to a self-insured health care plan
- ❑ Creation of Strongsville Academy; saving approximately \$200K annually
- ❑ New investment strategy increasing interest earnings by \$100K last year
- ❑ Implementation of student fee collection procedures which decreased the prior year's outstanding balance by approximately 40%

Additional Options to Consider

Reduce expenses by implementing additional cost cutting measures that would negatively impact student opportunities, services, resources, and staffing levels.

Increase revenue by going to the community and our voters for a new general operating levy.

What is a General Operating Levy?

A **general operating property tax levy** is:

- ❑ Implemented to provide operating funds (i.e., pays for programs, resources, services, and people)
- ❑ Proposed as a specific dollar amount of new revenue
- ❑ Defined by the county auditor in terms of a millage rate (0.1 cent) necessary to produce the specific dollar amount

Recent General Operating Levies for SCS

August 2002:

- ❑ 5-Year Limited
- ❑ Generates \$7.9 million annually
- ❑ 6.0 mills
- ❑ Renewed November 2016

November 2007:

- ❑ Continuing
- ❑ Generates \$9.2 million annually
- ❑ 6.5 mills

Determining a Levy Recommendation

Questions to be answered:

- When will a levy be put on the ballot?
- Should the levy be limited or continuous?
- What dollar amount/millage is needed? How long will this additional funding maintain the financial stability of the district?
- What is the monthly cost to homeowners for each \$100,000 of property value?

Determining a Levy Recommendation

Questions to be answered:

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Determining a Levy Recommendation

What dollar amount/millage is needed? How long will this additional funding maintain the financial stability of the district?

- ❑ Scenarios do not include new people, programs, and/or services
- ❑ Scenarios are based on new tax collections beginning in 2019

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
5.9 Mills (\$8.4M) - Unencumbered Balance	\$26.6	\$22.5	\$23.4	\$21.8	\$17.8	\$11.8	\$3.3	(\$7.1)	(\$13.9)	(\$24.1)
6.9 Mills (\$9.9M) - Unencumbered Balance	\$26.6	\$23.2	\$25.6	\$25.4	\$22.8	\$18.1	\$11.2	\$2.2	(\$8.8)	(\$22.0)
7.9 Mills (\$11.3M) - Unencumbered Balance	\$26.6	\$23.9	\$27.7	\$29.0	\$27.8	\$24.6	\$19.0	\$11.5	\$1.9	(\$9.8)
8.9 Mills (\$12.7M) - Unencumbered Balance	\$26.6	\$24.6	\$29.9	\$32.5	\$32.8	\$31.0	\$26.9	\$20.8	\$12.6	\$2.3

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Rationale for the Millage Recommendation

State/Local Funding Reduction

Levy Mills

Elimination of \$8.6 million of TPP funding annually **6.0**

Reduction of \$400k of Cleveland Clinic taxes annually **0.3**

Total Reduction

6.3

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What will funds be used for?

Programs:

- ❑ Maintain core and elective course offerings, including Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors options that keep our students competitive
- ❑ Continue programs that prepare our students for college, career, and military (e.g., award winning instrumental music program beginning in 5th grade)
- ❑ Curricular enhancements for elementary students
- ❑ Enhanced support for arts program

What will funds be used for?

Services:

- ❑ Bus transportation services PreK-12
- ❑ Enhance educational opportunities in all elementary schools (e.g., gifted services in all elementary schools)
- ❑ Increased safety (e.g., police officer presence) at preschool/elementary schools

Resources:

- ❑ Up-to-date technology and 1:1 Chromebook program
- ❑ Up-to-date textbooks/teaching materials

What will funds be used for?

People:

- ❑ Class size at optimum level for student learning
- ❑ Adequate staffing to support student needs

Summary and Next Steps

Summary:

- ❑ **When:** November 2018
- ❑ **Duration:** Continuous
- ❑ **Millage:** 7.9 mills
- ❑ **Monthly Cost per \$100K:**
\$23/month

Next Steps:

- ❑ Board approved the levy with a first vote at the June 7, 2018 meeting
- ❑ The second/final vote will occur at the June 28, 2018 meeting

Questions, Comments, and/or Feedback

