

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024.

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, July 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Gordon C. Short, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, James A. Kaminski, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Council Secretary Marialena Beach. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Council President James E. Carbone.

Council President Pro Tem, Gordon C. Short, called the caucus to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Public Safety & Health Committee:

Chairwoman Roff – I have just one item. It is Resolution No. 2024-105; and that is for us to go out for advertisements for our management consultants for the construction of the new fire station. That's all I have.

Mr. Jamison - This is actually construction manager-at-risk. This is...

Chairwoman Roff - So this is separate from the one that we had?

Mr. Jamison - The last one was the architect; and we are in the process of finalizing that. Now, this is for the firm or company that will actually build it. It's a little bit different. We talked about last time a different model...

Chairwoman Roff - Is it? Okay.

Mr. Jamison - ...that we are doing. You would get them involved early though so they can work with the architect in terms of coordinating everything. We are going to start the process to interview the firms that are responsive. Then, in September when you come back, we will have the name for you.

Chairwoman Roff - They oversee that construction, correct?

Mr. Jamison - Yes, they are responsible for it.

Chairwoman Roff - They will try and take some off our hands and off whoever the architect it?

Mr. Jamison - Well no, not the architect. The architect still has to do what they do. They work together and instead of then putting it out to bid later, this will be the firm that will construct it. It's advantageous because they work with the architect while it's being designed in terms of scheduling, getting things together, and coordinating everything. It's a model that is new to us, but isn't new in the State of Ohio. It's been used in a lot of different areas, and we think it's a good way to go.

Chairwoman Roff- Alright, thank you. My recommendation is to suspend and adopt for that; and that's all I have.

Mr. Short - Any other questions on that ordinance?

(No questions)

Recreation & Community Services Committee:

Chairman Spring - Thank you, I have Resolution Nos. 2024-106 and 2024-107. Both of them are resolutions accepting monetary donations from various families and commercial organizations for the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative: The Panteck family/Brunswick Medina Auto Mall contributed \$250,000.00, Mayor Perciak and Debbie Perciak contributed \$25,000.00, Camden Woods and the Catanzarite family \$25,000.00, RFC Contracting, LLC \$25,000.00, Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co. \$25,000.00, Altenheim Senior Living \$5,000.00, and Colabianchi Builders \$5,000.00. For Resolution No. 2024-107; it was the Brian Krusz family for \$5,000.00. Thank you very much to all those contributors. Obviously, the recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

Mr. Short - Any questions for Mr. Spring?

(No questions)

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek - We have one for Planning, Zoning and Engineering. Resolution No. 2024-108; this is to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Progress Drive Culvert Replacement project that we had previously approved. That seems pretty simple; so I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. Do you want me to go to Public Service and Conservation...

Mr. Short - Yes, go ahead into Public Service and Conservation.

Public Service & Conservation Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek - ...which is like the rest of the agenda. We have several that are related to the Wastewater Treatment Plants B & C. First, there is Ordinance No. 2024-109; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a project/grant loan agreement. I will have to flip to the actual amount, but I think that what we have is about \$2.5 million dollars. Some of it will be a grant...about half a million dollars and the balance is a zero percent loan. Mayor and Mr. Dean, is that correct?

Mr. Jamison - The grant is \$489,976.00; and the zero percent loan is \$2,414,035.00.

Chairwoman Kosek - So it's about \$3 million in total funding between the zero percent loan and the grant.

Mr. Jamison - Right, and that's through the Ohio Public Works Commission Issue 1 money. This is through the State of Ohio.

Chairwoman Kosek - Correct, yes and that was Ordinance No. 2024-109?

Mr. Jamison - Yes.

Chairwoman Kosek - Resolution No. 2024-110 is a companion to that. It is a resolution that declares our official intent and reasonable expectation that we are going to be reimbursed for this amount. Is this for finance purposes?

Mr. Jamison - No, so what this does is that we have to let them know that we are going to put this in the proper fund to pay for what the project is intended...that we don't stick it somewhere else.

Chairwoman Kosek - We would never do that. Let's suspend and adopt that resolution.

Mr. Jamison - Right, it's a requirement of Issue 1 money always has to have. That you're not getting it from them, and then stickling it somewhere else. It's basically saying that the money we are getting for the loan and the grant, are being put into the sanitary sewer fund to be used for that project.

Chairwoman Kosek - Okay, and then Ordinance No. 2024-111 is another companion that would authorize the Mayor to apply for, accept and enter into a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plants B & C. It allows us to obtain the loan. Is there anything else you want to add to that? They all seem to be very related.

Mr. Jamison - Right, so this is a separate entity and we don't have the dollar amount yet. That doesn't...if we are eligible. It will allow us again to hopefully get some funds to pay for this project. Which we are hoping it will be put out to bid, for your consideration, September or October of this year. It's going to be a fairly sizable project.

Mayor Perciak - I was going to say, we are talking \$30 million dollars at least.

Chairwoman Kosek - Okay.

Mr. Jamison - Again, that's going to be coming out of the sanitary sewer fund, which we have thank God. It needed updating and some new systems over at the two treatment plants.

Chairwoman Kosek - On all of those, we would like to suspend and adopt those. Obviously, they work together on that big project that's coming.

Mayor Perciak - Kelly if we may?

Chairwoman Kosek - Yes.

Mayor Perciak - Eric, would you like to tell them about the sewer treatment plants and how we plan to fund that and what we are going to do? What our plans are anyways.

Mr. Dean - Yes, for the OWDA (Ohio Water Development Authority) loan on the last two that we talked about, we are going to get better rate than we can at the market. We do have funds that have accumulated through the years in the sanitary sewer fund for this purpose because we knew this construction project was coming. We are looking probably paying about \$10 million dollars of the \$32 million with the sanitary sewer funds using the OWDA and the OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) for the rest.

Chairwoman Kosek - Thank you, okay we will go onto Ordinance No. 2024-112, which is allowing us to participate in the Ohio Department of Administrative Services contracts for the purchase of the utility bucket lift truck for the service department; this is \$248,516.00. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. I think there is one more if I can flip through this right. We also have Resolution No. 2024-113, which is to repurchase certain certificates for burial rights for Jennifer Halkiadakis. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt that also. I think that's the last one that is on my list, yes.

Mr. Short - I think you are correct, yes.

Chairwoman Kosek - Sorry.

Mr. Short - That's alright, thank you Ms. Kosek. Any questions?

(No questions)

Mr. Short - Again, we will suspend and adopt all of those.

Committee of the Whole:

Mr. Short - Resolution No. 2024-114; this is a resolution in regards to the opioid settlements that are happening with various companies in the State of Ohio; this being the Kroger company. As we have in the past, this will authorize the administration to enter into an agreement for the settlement of those funds when received. I don't think we have a number, correct? This is just to receive those funds once that has been decided with the Attorney General of Ohio, correct?

Mr. Jamison - Correct.

Mr. Short - The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that. Anything from the administrative side for Council?

Other Business:

Mayor Perciak - Yes, everybody was asking about, they always say the mall but it's not the mall in this case, it's Dick's Sporting Goods. They have filed an application to go on our ARB (Architectural Review Board). At the next meeting, we are going to overlook the site plan approval. This is all exterior stuff - exterior elevation approval, color, the athletic field that they plan on doing in place of where the tire store was, some limited modification to the parking and exterior lighting and landscaping. Anyone, as I told the newspaper reporter, who wants to view these things they are available at city hall. Just give Mitzi a call. Text her or our Building Commissioner, Ted Hurst or Lori Daley and they will be happy to answer any questions you have. It was implied, that for some reason, the administration was not discussing with the Council as to what this application can be. I was very clear that I can't discuss anything with you unless we have an application. We now have an application, so have at it.

Mr. Short - Thank you Mr. Mayor, we don't expect you to discuss something you don't know about until to actually have it. Thank you.

Mr. Kaminski made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property. It was seconded by Mr. Clark 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 6:42 p.m. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Thomas Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean. The executive session concluded at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

****Please note – The legislation discussed above on tonight’s agenda can be viewed in entirety at: <https://www.strongsville.org/government/city-council/minutes-agendas> by clicking on the July 15, 2024 agenda link. ****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Pro Tem Gordon C. Short called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Council Secretary certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2023-182.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Gordon C. Short, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, James A. Kaminski, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Council Secretary Marialena Beach. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Council President James E. Carbone.

Motion made by Councilman Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff to excuse Councilman James E. Carbone for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 1, 2024 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Perciak - Thank you Mr. President, tonight we have a ceremonial oath up for Lieutenant, Jacob Knipp, the ceremonial oath for Sergeant Ryan Weisenberger, the ceremonial oath for the newly appointed Patrolman Brian Rossman, ceremonial oath of office for Nicholas Prochaska, and the ceremonial oath for Megan Kane.

Lieutenant Kelley - Thank you, Council. Can everybody here me? Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Perciak - You're welcome.

Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Lieutenant, Jacob Knipp.

Lieutenant Kelley - I'm Lieutenant Kelly and I'm standing in place of Chief O'Deens who is not able to make it tonight. He is on a planned family vacation; but he does send his regards. As the Mayor indicated, we have a lot of ground to cover. We are promoting a lieutenant, a sergeant, and we are bringing on three patrol officers. These appointments replace retirements and they represent the next generation of Strongsville. With that being said, I would like to invite our first promotion up - Lieutenant Jacob Knipp. Jax is coming up too. He's one heck of a baseball player. Jake was born and raised in Amherst and graduated from Amherst Steele High School. Jake went on to Baldwin Wallace University where he played football for the Yellow Jackets and was our Strongsville Police Department summer college intern. Jake was hired by the Strongsville Police Department in 2007 and graduated from 120th basic police recruit class of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. As a patrol officer, Jake served on the night shift and afternoon shift. He was a field training officer for new officers and he is a member of our Strongsville Police Department Honor Guard. In 2007 (meant to say 2017), he was promoted to sergeant where he served on all three shifts. Jake also is a Commander of the Southwest Enforcement Bureau's Regional Mobile Field Force Unit that responds to civil unrest incidents. Jake is joined by his parents and his son Jaxson who will be pinning the badge on tonight.

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

(Applause)

Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Police Sergeant, Ryan Weisenberger.

Lieutenant Kelley - Next we have a promotion to sergeant - Sergeant Ryan Weisenberger. Ryan come up; where is Mrs. Weisenberger and the whole family? Come on up. Ryan was born and raised in Stow, Ohio and graduated from Stow Monroe Falls High School. Ryan went on to Kent State University earning Bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice and Sociology. While in college, Ryan also graduated from the Kent State University Police Academy. Prior to becoming a Strongsville police officer, Ryan worked as part-time officer for Monroe Falls Police Department from 2016-2018. In 2018, Ryan was hired here at the Strongsville Police Department. He has served as a patrol officer, a field training officer for new officers, he's a current peer support team member, he's a current union representative, and was instrumental in the organizing and purchasing of our new state-of-the-art Flock license plate reading camera system to solve crimes through moving vehicle identification. Ryan lives in Lakewood with his wife Kristen, who will be pinning his badge on him tonight.

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

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

Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Patrolwoman, Megan Kane.

Lieutenant Kelley - Next we have the first of three patrol officers appointed tonight - Megan Kane. Megan has a cheering section tonight. Thank you to the officers of the Parma Police Department who showed up tonight. Megan was born and raised in Rocky River and is a graduate of Rocky River High School, where she played basketball, soccer and ran track. She went onto Baldwin Wallace University where she played competitive racquetball and earned her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. After college, Megan was hired by the Parma Police Department where she served 7.5 years as a patrol officer, juvenile detective, mentor to the Parma Police Explorer program and she served along with Officer Bobby Curtin of the Parma Police Department as the School Resource Officer for Padua High School. Megan is joined by her parents who will be pinning her badge on tonight.

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

(Applause)

Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Patrolman, Brian Rossman.

Lieutenant Kelley - Next, we have Patrol Officer Brian Rossman. Brian was born and raised in Parma and is a graduate of Normandy High School. Brian, as you can see, is a second-generation police officer as his father, Christopher Rossman, is a patrol officer for the Parma Heights Police Department in his 32nd year. Brian went to Bowling Green State University where he majored in Criminal Justice and he was one of our Strongsville Police Department summer college interns. Brian was hired by the Strongsville Police Department this year and recently graduated from the 150th basic police recruit class of The Ohio State Patrol on July 3rd. Joining Brian tonight are his parents and his grandfather who will be pinning the badge on tonight.

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

(Applause)

Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to newly-appointed Patrolman, Nicholas Prochaska.

Lieutenant Kelley - Our last appointment to patrol officer is Officer Nicholas Prochaska. Nicholas was born and raised in Strongsville in Pine Lakes and is a graduate of Strongsville High School. After high school, Nicholas enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served four years as a military police officer on patrol at Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, North Carolina. Nicholas was hired by the Strongsville Police Department this year and recently graduated from the 150th basic recruit class of The Ohio State Highway Patrol on July 3rd. Nicholas married his high school sweetheart, Alyssa, who will be pinning his badge on him tonight.

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

(Applause)

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

Mayor Perciak - Before we adjourn, and I know a lot of you are having something going here for you; but I just want to thank your families, thank your parents and everybody who supported all of you in your endeavors here. As most of you know, we in this community, we pride ourselves with our safety forces. We truly believe we have the very best. When you heard their resumes, you understand why we are so proud of our men and women of the Strongsville Police Department. Please stay at their side and please support them. Their job is not easy. They will come home to you sometimes or they are going to pick up the phone and call you and say, "Hey." Take that five minutes to listen to them please; thank you all. Thank you for supporting them; and thank you for being a part of our community.

(Applause)

Mr. Short - On behalf of The City Council, I also want to thank you. Congratulations on your promotions and on your hiring into the Strongsville Police Department. It does not go unnoticed by this Council or this community what you do for us. While it's not seen, a lot of what you do, we know you are out there protecting us and putting your lives on the line for this community. That is something that we can never say a big enough thank you to. This Council again, I think I speak for all of us, we will support you every way that we can and we welcome you to our community. Thank you for what you do. God bless, God speed; and thank you again. One more round of applause for our officers.

(Applause)

Lieutenant Kelley - This concludes our promotion and appointment portion of the Council meeting. If all families of the celebrants tonight, if you want to meet us over at the Strongsville Police Department, we have a reception.

Mr. Short - You do not have to stay; as thrilling as our Council meetings are, you do not have to stay for the remainder. You may go for the ceremony, thank you again.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark: Thank you Councilman Short, we had a Strongsville Economic Development Committee meeting back on June 22, 2024, right here in Council chambers, where we focused on the importance of manufacturing here in Strongsville. It was another really good meeting with information sharing and helping our committee better understand manufacturing specifically. Back in May, the IndustrySelect ranked top ten U.S. manufacturing states. I probably shared this before because Ohio continues to rank in a variety of different rankings...third in the country in manufacturing. This report specifically said Ohio ranked 3rd with 14,432 manufacturing companies and 1,101,992 manufacturing jobs. What does manufacturing do for Strongsville? Thankfully, we have our own slice of those million plus manufacturing jobs. I think we are pretty healthy from that standpoint; and specifically, income tax. We want to maintain that health. Hence, the focus in that June meeting was on manufacturing and getting our committee to better understand our manufacturing partners here in Strongsville - the critical impact they have on our general fund, to our police and fire that we just added to our strengths today, to our street repair, to our parks and recreation and to our trash removal and so many other things. During the meeting, we highlighted a few manufacturers here in Strongsville that are among the top 25 tax withholding payers.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark (cont'd): I won't list them all, but a couple: Momentive, Swagelok, CCL, Clark-Reliance, Eberhard, PPG, Vitamix, Infinium Walls and Plidco. I think it's important that our committee strengthens its understanding of manufacturing and manufacturing businesses and how we continue to be healthy in that regard. We are starting to gain some traction there. To wrap up though, I do want to highlight one manufacturing company, and I intend to continue to highlight one manufacturing company during these committee updates, whether we've had a meeting or not, for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year - Plidco, the pipeline development company. First, the wow factor. In June, just two days before we had that meeting, Plidco was reported on by Business Wire that Plidco was awarded the "Best Supplier Performance" from Saudi Aramco. Saudi Aramco is the second largest by revenue company in the world and they are supported by a top-notch supplier right here out of Strongsville. That top-notch supplier is a 75 year-old company and it moved to Strongsville in 2021. They couldn't be happier to be here and we couldn't be happier to have them here. Again, I think it's really important that our Economic Development Committee continues to understand manufacturing, what it does for Strongsville, and how we can leverage that to continue to be healthy in that regard. It's a terrific family owned company; so again, that was just one highlight but I intend to highlight more as we continue through this calendar year. We do not have a committee meeting this month. We do not have a committee meeting in August. Our next one is in September, but I will highlight another company at our first meeting in September. I will be happy to take any questions.

(No questions)

Mr. Clark - That concludes my report.

Mr. Short - Thank you, Mr. Clark.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Ms. Roff: I have just one for Public Safety and Health. That is Ordinance No. 2024-105; that is for the Mayor to go out to solicit applications for a construction manager-at-risk; so suspend and adopt for that. That's all unless anybody has questions.

(No questions)

Mr. Short - Thank you, Ms. Roff.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Spring: Thank you Mr. Short, we do have two resolutions for Recreation and Community Services. Resolution Nos. 2024-106 and 2024-107; both of these are resolutions accepting monetary donations from various families and commercial organizations to be used in connection with the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative. The Pantek family/Brunswick and Medina Auto Mall contributed \$250,000.00, Mr. Mayor and his wife...Mrs. Perciak donated \$25,000.00, Camden Woods and the Catanzarite family donated \$25,000.00, RFC Contracting, LLC donated \$25,000.00, Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company donated \$25,000.00, Altenheim Senior Living donated \$5,000.00, and Colabianchi Builders donated \$5,000.00 and on Resolution No. 2024-107, Brian Krusz family donated \$5,000.00.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Spring (cont'd): We want to say thank you very much to all those families and all the work they are doing there to help with the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative. The recommendation is, obviously, to suspend and adopt, thank you.

Mayor Perciak - I just have one comment. We are still accepting donations. If you know of anyone that still has a giving heart, we would be happy to take their donations.

Mr. Short - Again, on behalf of Council, thank you to those families and companies that donated here, have donated in the past and will be donating here in the future, thank you very much.

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring: Also, for the School Board they had a meeting on July 8, 2024. Some of the highlights from the meeting - they held their first vote for the new school levy in November. It's actually going to help decrease the total amount...the small amount. It's a levy at 4.9-mills a continuing resolution. I will follow up with new information as it comes. They do have to vote another...again next meeting. Also, they held a lengthy discussion on the drug testing policy for the high school and middle school. The parents will be able to opt into the program. It's not set up to be punitive; but to identify drug abuse and get help for any students and parents that need it; a couple of the highlights there. I will take any questions.

(No questions)

Mr. Short - Thank you very much, Mr. Spring.

FINANCE – Mr. Short:

(No report)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: We have not had a board meeting since our last Council meeting, and no updates since the middle of the month. That concludes my report unless there are any questions.

(No questions)

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Kaminski:

(No report)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Ms. Kosek: Thank you Mr. Short. For Planning, Zoning and Engineering we have one resolution tonight. Resolution No. 2024-108; this is to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Progress Drive Culvert Replacement project we had previously approved. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that, which is pretty simple.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek: We also have for Public Service and Conservation, we have three related to the Wastewater Treatment Plants. I will do my best to describe them. Then, I will also kick it over to Neal and Mr. Dean to explain anything, and the Mayor of course, if there is anything that needs expounded on.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek (cont'd): We have Ordinance No. 2024-109, which is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a project grant/loan agreement with the State of Ohio through the Ohio Public Works Commission for Issue 1 financial assistance. This would provide a grant of \$489,976.00; and it would also allow for a \$2.4 million dollar/zero percent interest in loan funds. This is to help account for some of the wastewater treatment upgrades that we need for both plants B & C. As the Mayor described earlier, it's a rather large project; so this is a good help. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt that. There is also a companion piece, that our good law director explained during caucus, Resolution No. 2024-110. That is required for us to indicate that we will handle the money as it is required by the state. This will just assure everyone that the money that we would be getting through the loan and also the grant will be used for the intended purpose which is to upgrade the wastewater treatment system. I would ask we suspend and adopt that resolution. The final ordinance that we have related to the Wastewater Treatment Plants is Ordinance No. 2024-111. This is to allow the Mayor to apply and accept and enter into an agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority for an additional loan. I understand that we don't know the amount that will be yet; but this is authorizing so that we would get a better rate than we would otherwise get. Is there anything on these three issues that the administration would like to add?

Mr. Jamison - No you did a good job, thank you.

Ms. Kosek - Okay, so that is what we have about the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We also have Ordinance No. 2024-112; this is to allow us to participate in the Ohio Department of Administrative Services contract to purchase a utility bucket lift truck for the service department. This is a \$248,516.00 vehicle that we are in need of. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. Finally, we have Resolution No. 2024-113, which is a resolution to repurchase certain certificates of burial rights related to Jennifer Halkiadakis. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that also. I will take any questions, or refer them to the administration if I am not able to answer.

(No questions)

Mr. Short - Okay hearing none, thank you Ms. Kosek.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Carbone:

Mr. Short - Last, we have Committee of the Whole and I will take that in Mr. Carbone's absence. We have one resolution tonight. It's Resolution No. 2024-114; this is to authorize the Mayor and the administration to enter into an agreement or, actually, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the One Ohio opioid epidemic litigation settlements with the Kroger company for their distribution of opioids in the State of Ohio through the attorney general's office. The amount is not yet known; but when the state settles with the Kroger company, we will be entitled to funds at that point. The recommendation there is suspend and adopt. Are there any questions?

(No questions)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Yes, just quickly, our Town Center project is moving along. We are hoping that we will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony, probably towards the end of September, in our new pavilion. If you stay tuned, we are working very closely with the contractors to make sure that we have this done. We are hoping for the last part of September/early part of October to have a ribbon-cutting so that everybody can participate. That should be a very, very happy time for all of us here in the City of Strongsville. Mark that down and try to keep that time open. Next, as all of you know, our Homecoming is going to begin July 24th - July 27th. We ask you to please participate; and remember, fireworks will be at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night. Again, I want to thank all the sponsors, and in this case, the sponsorship led by The Chamber of Commerce itself. We look forward to seeing you there and the many families. We've spoken to our safety forces, our police officers, our fire department, and our EMS people. They all will be present on The Commons and its surrounding areas to make certain that we have a safe and happy event. That ends my report.

Mr. Short - Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you Mr. President, I hereby certify that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda requiring certification of funding, thank you.

Mr. Short - Thank you.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form; that concludes my report.

Mr. Short - Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Terry Richissin, 20500 Collier Drive, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Terry Richissin, 20500 Collier Drive, Strongsville. Good evening favorite Mayor, I just wanted to let you know as a resident of ward 4, I don't think that it was completely thought out as far as Camden apartments go. Now, I live off of Holiday Road which is directly across the street from this new development. We already play hell getting out of that... off that street at times during the day. I would invite anybody to come down to Holiday Road, be at that intersection starting probably from 7:00 a.m. in the morning until 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. We have a heck of a time getting out of there. Now, we are talking about adding potentially over 100 more cars. It's already a congested area. I think that it should really be looked at to see if it's feasible to get a traffic light there. To think that it's just going to go smoothly and we are going to get a bunch of new residents...we are all going to take turns on a four lane highway; basically, that we are all going to get out and be able to make a left turn onto the Royalton Road. The other option is you go down to Westwood Drive. Everybody who has been on Westwood Drive knows how congested that is down by the center of town. I saw some reports that said a study was done by somebody that I believe worked for Camden. I don't know how that was reviewed. Mr. short, you're my ward Councilman and I would invite you to go down to that corner and try to get off of it with just two or three cars that you're behind. It's a mess...it's already a mess; and we are going to add a bunch more cars to it and it's going to be even worse.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Richissin (cont'd) - I think everybody has accepted the 58% who voted against this...this apartment complex. I think a lot of people have accepted it. Fifty three percent of the city said, "No." Somehow or another, it went through another way so I accept that, alright, I accept that. What I don't accept is a study that decided that the best place to put an entrance and an exit is across the street from a residential neighborhood. I would tell you exactly what I would do, I would do it now. I would go down to Westwood Drive and Atlantic Road and I would go all the way to Royalton Road and I would make a beeline right towards that apartment complex. People are going to be trying to turn left into that apartment complex. They are going to be holding up everybody on Holiday Road that wants to make a left because they are already in the lane. If you would take a look at that; I would appreciate it, thanks.

(Applause)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2024-105 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND TO SOLICIT STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT-RISK FOR A PROPOSED FIRE STATION NUMBER 5 ON ROYALTON ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-105 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-106 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATIONS FROM VARIOUS FAMILIES AND COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-106 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2024-107 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE BRIAN KRUSZ FAMILY TO THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION, WHICH WILL BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-107 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-108 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROGRESS DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-108 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-109 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT GRANT/LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, THROUGH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR ISSUE 1 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS B & C REHABILITATION PROJECT (OPWC PROJECT NOS. CA15AB & CA16AB), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-109 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2024-110 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO AS THE BORROWER TO REIMBURSE ITS SANITARY SEWER FUND FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS B & C REHABILITATION PROJECT (OPWC PROJECT NOS. CA15AB & CA16AB) WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-110 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-111 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS B & C IN CONNECTION WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-111 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-112 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A UTILITY BUCKET LIFT TRUCK CONSISTING OF A FREIGHTLINER M2 CAB AND CHASSIS UNIT WITH A 60-FOOT AERIAL TREE UNIT TOWER, AND ACCESSORIES, FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-112 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2024-113 by Mayor Perciak and all Members of Council. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO REPURCHASE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY. [Halkiadakis]

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-113 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-114 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE TERMS OF THE KROGER SETTLEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC LITIGATION, PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM FOR THE KROGER SETTLEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-114 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

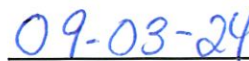
Mr. Short - Before we adjourn until September 3, 2024, I want to wish everybody a safe and happy rest of their summer. Hopefully, I'll see you at Homecoming on July 24, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Pro Tem Short adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Marialena Beach
Council Secretary



Date