

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 **Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:15 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, Gordon C. Short, Annmarie P. Roff, James A. Kaminski, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek.

Council President, James E. Carbone, called the caucus to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters pertaining to pending or imminent court action. It was seconded by Ms. Roff to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council members Gordon Short, Thomas Clark, James Kaminski and Brian Spring adjourned into executive session at 6:30 p.m. Not present were Councilman James Carbone and Councilwoman Annmarie Roff. Also present from the Administration: Law Director Neal Jamison. The executive session concluded at 6:43 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Mr. Carbone advised Ordinance No. 2024-090 is to rezone certain vacant land located near Royalton Road and Prospect Road (part of PPN 393-15-028) from R1-75 (One Family 75) classification to LB (Local Business) classification. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation on June 11, 2024. A public hearing was scheduled for a special meeting on July 30, 2024; but due to correspondence from the petitioner, request was made to withdraw the application. Therefore, Council will be defeating this legislation at the behest of the petitioner's withdrawal. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2024-115; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a modification to the contract with CT Consultants in connection with the Whitney Road covered bridge project. The contract modification is in the amount of \$50,000.00, thereby increasing the total contract cost to \$252,074.00. Mr. Jamison advised due to a few materials not getting delivered on time, the project was delayed; and the city's engineering department feels this is fair compensation for the additional services they had to perform. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2024-116; an ordinance to approve change order no. 1 for an extension of the contract completion date, without change in price, with Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. in connection with the Whitney Road covered bridge project. The extension of time to complete the work will now be September 20, 2024. Mayor Perciak advised the contractor will be completed with work before the "Breakfast of the Bridge" event. Ordinance No. 2024-117 is to issue and approve change order no. 14 for an increase in the contract price, and change order no. 15 for an extension of the contract completion date with Gilbane Building Company in connection with the Town Center project. The contract increase is in the amount of \$61,738.00 for a new total project cost of \$9,609,453.00. Gilbane requested an extension of time to September 20, 2024. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2024-118; an ordinance to enter into a contract for the Progress Drive culvert replacement project.

The contract is with Fechko Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$1,235,218.00. The cost will be taken from the drainage levy fund. Ordinance No. 2024-119 is authorizing to apply for grant funding for improvements to the Albion Road and Prospect Road intersection. The estimated cost for this project is \$3,505,969.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Mr. Carbone advised the residents in that area will be happy to see the improvements there. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2024-120; a resolution approving an amended development plan for SouthPark Center to permit renovations to convert the existing former Sears store into a Dick's House of Sports facility. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation. Mr. Carbone advised this will be a great addition to the mall and is hopeful that more additions will follow. Mr. Jamison advised that some members of Council have been contacted by individuals regarding operation of a permanent makeup business and its conflict with the city's codified ordinances pertaining to tattoos. The building department, law department and city planner are working on a resolution for this, as this is becoming more common – specifically for individuals suffering from medical issues. Mr. Jamison advised this will most likely be brought forth to Council at the next meeting.

Public Service & Conservation Committee: Mr. Carbone advised Ordinance No. 2024-121 is to employ special legal counsel and enter into a retainer agreement in connection with matters relating to property damage incurred at the Westwood lift station on Westwood Drive. The attorney will be David Cuppage with the law firm McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co., LPA. This will be placed on first reading due to Mr. Carbone and Ms. Roff abstaining from the vote, and Ms. Kosek being absent to vote this evening. Mr. Carbone will be abstaining due to some family members being employed with the company involved in this litigation; and Ms. Roff's husband works with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and feels that may pose a conflict regarding this matter. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2024-122; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a modification request, no. 2, for additional professional engineering design and consulting services relating to the contract with MS Consultants, Inc. in connection with the Westwood lift station rehabilitation project. This will be an additional payment in the amount of \$775,820.00, thereby increasing the total contract cost to \$2,762,964.00. Resolution No. 2024-123, in connection with Ordinance No. 2024-122, is to advertise for bids for improvements to wastewater treatment plants B & C in connection with the Westwood lift station rehabilitation project. Mr. Jamison advised MS Consultants, Inc. designed the new system that will be going in the wastewater plants; and Resolution No. 2024-123 is MS Consultants overseeing the implementation of those designs through the construction process. The estimated project cost is between \$25 to \$30 million dollars. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2024-124; an ordinance authorizing the sale by internet auction of certain obsolete property no longer needed for any municipal purpose by the service department. The property being sold are three Makita generators and a 2016 Ford bus. Resolution No. 2024-125 is to grant permission to transfer certain certificates for burial rights in the cemetery (Kerr). Suspension and adoption was recommended for this resolution.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairwoman Roff recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2024-126; an ordinance to apply for financial assistance from the Ohio Attorney General's office in connection with their law enforcement diversion program for FY 2025 and relating to the opioid epidemic. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2024-127; an ordinance to apply for financial assistance with the Ohio Bureau of Workman's Compensation, under the firefighter exposure to environmental elements grant program, for the purchase of personal protective equipment to be used by the fire department. Ordinance No. 2024-128 is to enter into a contract for professional architectural design and consulting services in connection with the design of a proposed fire station no. 5 on Royalton Road. The contract is with DS Architecture, LLC. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Recreation & Community Services Committee: Chairman Spring recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2024-129, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and director of recreation & senior services to file a grant in connection with the renovation of 3 restrooms at the recreation & senior center. The grant is in the amount of approximately \$150,000.00. Resolution Nos. 2024-130 and 2024-131 are to accept donations of money from Cintas Corporation and Matthew "STU" Stuczynski, respectively, to be used in connection with the Town Center Enhancement & Walkability initiative. Suspension and adoption was recommended for both of these resolutions.

Finance Committee: Chairman Short advised Ordinance No. 2024-132 is to amend the general salary ordinance, section 9-008 for school guards, to increase the salary to market rate and attract more people to this position. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2024-133; a resolution to certify to the fiscal officer of Cuyahoga County unpaid property maintenance nuisance abatements for levy and collection. Mr. Jamison advised two of the abatements were from use of outside vendors and not city employees in order to correct issues for property located on Howe Road.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Carbone advised Ordinance No. 2024-134 is to engage Brewer-Garrett Company to conduct an investment grade audit in order to develop a comprehensive energy savings performance program; and to negotiate and enter into a project implementation agreement for the city's energy conservation and building improvement project. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

*****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 September 3, 2024 agenda link. *****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2023-182.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, Gordon C. Short, Annmarie P. Roff, James A. Kaminski, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek.

Motion made by Councilman Short, second by Ms. Roff to excuse Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek 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 15, 2024 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark: Thank you President Carbone, continuing with our focus from an economic development standpoint of manufacturing, as I spoke about at our last meeting...no previous meeting to report on; but I do want to highlight one of our manufacturers. They have been in the city for a long time and partnered with the city in recent past on a job fair. That is Swagelok and I want to highlight the fact that Swagelok, for the 14th time has won the "NorthCoast 99 Top Workplace Winners." Not only are they winning workplace awards locally for the 14th time; but they continue to get national recognition from the Veterans of Foreign Wars as a "VFW Employer of the Year" and they have been recognized by Plant-A Insights Group as a "Best in Class Employer" by Gallagher. Again, great partner to the city. They have been here a long time. The importance of manufacturing continues so I want to highlight that and will continue to do so for the balance of the year. Our next Economic Development committee meeting is on Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. That concludes my report.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Ms. Roff: I have three items for Public Safety & Health. I have Ordinance No. 2024-126; and that is for us to approve the filing of an application to receive financial assistance from the Ohio Attorney General's office in regards to our opioid epidemic. I have Ordinance No. 2024-127. That is also for us to file for financial assistance. This will be through the Ohio Bureau of Workman's Compensation. That will be for our firefighters with issues from exposure to different things, under environmental and hazards with the job. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. I have Ordinance No. 2024-128. That is for us to enter into a contract with DC Architectural to design the new fire station. That is suspend and adopt for that one. Thank you, that is all that I have.

Mr. Carbone – Any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No questions)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Spring: Thank you, for Recreation and Community Services I have one ordinance and two resolutions. The ordinance is Ordinance No. 2024-129. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the director of the recreation department to enter into a grant called the "2025 Cuyahoga County Municipal Grant Program" to update three restrooms at the recreation center for the senior center. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. I also have Resolution No. 2024-130 and Resolution No. 2024-131. Both are resolutions accepting a donation of money in the amount of \$5,000.00. One is from the Cintas Corporation and one is from the Matthew Stuczynski family. Both are donations to go towards the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative. Those are recommended to suspend and adopt. Any questions? That's it.

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring: There was a school board meeting on August 22, 2024; sort of a back-to-school meeting. Several parents were there to comment on the new drug testing policy at the high school and middle school. Make sure you check it out on YouTube if you have any questions. Also, there were speakers both for and against our new school levy; so make sure you're doing your own research before November to make sure you know what's going on with that. Any questions? That's all.

FINANCE – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Carbone, for the Finance committee we have one ordinance tonight – Ordinance No. 2024-132. This is to amend the general salary ordinance for the city in relation to the pay for school guards to bring those up to market rate. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Then, we have one resolution tonight, Resolution No. 2024-133. This is to certify and direct our finance director to certify to the county fiscal officer fees charged in regards to the abatements of property maintenance nuisances in the City of Strongsville – to levy those properties. Those will be collected as part of the property taxes that are assessed to those properties here in the city. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Any questions for Finance?

(No questions)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: We did not have a board meeting over the summer; but just some quick things to note that happened while we were away. The Southwest Health Foundation received a gift of \$540,000.00 from the Sedlak Family Trust. This money will be used to support patients and employees in the Seidman Cancer Center there at the campus. Over the summer, Jay Zayed was selected as the new Chief Information Officer for the system. Continuing capital improvements at Southwest General Hospital, about \$5 million dollars so far has been allocated for capital improvements; and they are beginning a renovation of the lobby area as well of the hospital system. That concludes my report but I'll happily take any questions.

(No questions)

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Kaminski: I have no report on Communications and Technology but I would like to plug Strongfest. Strongfest is coming up September 28th. Proceeds are benefitting the Town Center project; so come and join us... a lot of fun, a lot games, raffles, food trucks; so come on out – music as well, thanks.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Ms. Kosek:

Mr. Carbone - I will be taking Ms. Kosek's reports this evening along with my own Committee of the Whole. We're going to start with Ordinance No. 2024-090. This is the rezoning of property at Royalton Road and Prospect Road. Due to the applicant's request to withdraw this rezoning petition, the recommendation is going to be vote no this evening. We have Ordinance No. 2024-115. This is to enter into a modification to professional construction management services between the city and CT Consultants. This is going to be for \$50,000.00 at the Whitney Road covered bridge. We also have with the Whitney Road covered bridge Ordinance No. 2024-116. This is going to be an extension of the contract from August 1, 2024 to September 20, 2024. We're hearing it's going to be ready for Breakfast of the Bridge; but just to make sure if there's anything afterwards we have enough time that the company can come in and do the work. Both of those are going to be suspend and adopt this evening. We have Ordinance No. 2024-117. This is a change order to increase the contract, change order no. 15 (and no. 14), for an extension of the contract completion date. We're going to increase it by \$61,738.00; and then we're also going to have an extension also to September 20, 2024. The recommendation here is going to be to suspend and adopt. We have Ordinance No. 2024-118. This is to enter into a contract for the Progress Drive culvert replacement project with Fechko Excavating, LLC. We're going to be taking \$1,235,218.00 out of the drainage levy fund for this much needed project. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. We have Ordinance No. 2024-119. This is authorizing the Mayor and city engineers to submit an application for State of Ohio Issue 1 funding for improvements to the intersection of Albion Road and Prospect Road (State Route 237). The project right now is estimated at \$3,505,969.00. We're going to be going for \$2,280,000.00 of Issue 1 money for funding. If approved, that would leave it at today's cost of \$1,225,969.00. The recommendation here is going to be to suspend and adopt. That is much needed in that area as well, as we talked about in caucus. We have Resolution No. 2024-120. This is approving an amended development plan for SouthPark Center to permit renovations to the existing former Sears location into a Dicks House of Sports facility. The recommendation here is going to be suspend and adopt.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek:

Mr. Carbone - We have Ordinance No. 2024-121. This is authorizing the Mayor to employ special legal counsel and enter into a retainer agreement for professional services to the City of Strongsville's connection with matters related to property damage that occurred at the Westwood lift station on Westwood Drive. This is going to be placed on first reading. We have Ordinance No. 2024-122. This is a modification request for additional professional engineering design and consulting work, both done by MS Consultants for the tune of \$775,820.00. The recommendation here is going to be to suspend and adopt. That is with the treatment plant; and also Ordinance No. 2024-123 deals with the treatment plant. That is advertising for bids for improvements to the treatment plants B and C. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. We have Ordinance No. 2024-124 authorizing by sale of internet auction of certain obsolete property no longer needed, through GovDeals. It's three generators and a 2016 Ford bus. We have Resolution No. 2024-125 granting permission to transfer certain burial certificates for burial rights in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Carbone: We have Ordinance No. 2024-134. This is to engage Brewer-Garrett company to conduct an investment grade audit to develop a comprehensive energy savings performance program and to negotiate and enter into a project implementation agreement for the energy conservation and building improvement project. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. Any questions for me on any of that?

(No questions)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President, just a couple of quick announcements. As we all know, September 11th is coming; and we will have our 911 ceremony at our main fire station on Prospect Road at 9:45 a.m. on September 11th. The ceremony is open to the public, please come. We need to remember all those people who died on that catastrophic day in New York and Pennsylvania. On a happier note, on Sunday, September 15th is our Breakfast on the Bridge at 7:00 a.m. Don't come that early, but come at 8:00 a.m. We will conclude at noon. We will make sure everybody is served through; but by 1:00 p.m. we will be abandoning that. Then, I understand we're going to be going over to The Chalet for our afternoon at The Chalet; so it's going to be a whole day in the park. If you need tickets, contact someone at The City Club. Tickets are available; so please participate in these fall activities here in the city. As Jim Kaminski mentioned, the StrongFest on Saturday. Jim, is that at 2:00 p.m.?

Mr. Kaminski – Yes, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Perciak - Again, I can't stress enough that if you're helping The Rotary, you're helping our community by helping our new development here in the center of town. One hand is kind of washing the other; so we need your help on that too. Those are the three things that are going on. We've got a busy fall coming and not to mention everything else that is going on besides our own festivities; so be a part of it, thank you.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you very much.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you Council 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.

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

Mr. Carbone - Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jay Ambrozic, 12201 Bluffside Place, Strongsville, OH: Jay Ambrozic, 12201 Bluffside in Ledgeswood. Hopefully, you guys can potentially point me in the right direction because I have tried over the last, maybe 6 months, to remedy this problem that's been ongoing in Ledgeswood. I'm sure you're all familiar with Ledgeswood development. I've tried speaking with the police department, with the Mayor's office; and they kind of pointed me...kicked the can eventually to come to this meeting and see if something can be resolved here. My brief history in the neighborhood goes back many years. My great uncle lived in the neighborhood since the 1960s. I'm a friend with (unintelligible) whose father, Bob Schmitt built the development. I remember, obviously, the mall being nothing but a forest; so I have a lot of familiarity with the area. I grew up in Euclid, but I was always out here visiting my uncle and I bought a house here 11 years ago. I've been on the board of our Bluffside association for 5 years; and I attend a lot of HOA meetings in November that we do for the overall Ledgeswood community. Probably one of the concerns that you guys have heard there, going on for years even before my understanding of being there is the traffic situation that we get on the cut-through. I kind of was quiet the first few years, just took it all in. It's a recurring theme that people share every year. It's a lot of older, grumpy people that have been there a long time; and now it's converted into a lot of younger people moving in there; so we have more kids. There's a lot of kids playing in the streets, biking, skateboarding, whatever. Now, their concern is more for safety rather than noise and pollution or whatever as the older people were concerned about. I kind of took it all in for a couple of years and thought there's got to be a solution. People have shared with me that they've gone through a lot of different ideas over the years – privatizing the street...it would cost a fortune to the HOA so it's not feasible, etc. I know they did a study maybe 10-12 years ago about the number of cars that were cutting through there; and it was an astronomical amount. I think it was a couple hundred thousand cars a year that cut through there. Certainly, as a lot more things have gotten approved in the area, the traffic just continues to rise. There's a couple blocks of time, I'm luckily in the back, there's a couple blocks of time where it's a continuous stream of traffic...I mean, for two hours, twice a day that cars just don't stop going through there. The biggest problem really is that most of the people that cut through there that don't live there, a majority of them, they don't abide by the laws; they don't stop at the stop signs; they speed...whatever. People shared that at the meeting this past year; and I said, "Look, let's be honest, we'd all probably have 3 extra speeding tickets and a couple of blown stop signs if they really patrolled it. That's not the problem." The problem is how do we cut down on the traffic that goes through there because it's a percentages game. The more people that go through, the more likely there is something to happen or the wrong driver to be coming through that area and cause a problem. We've had two wrecks into the trees there in the last 2 years and a bunch of other stuff. The Mayor's office...someone there gave me two explanations for why nothing has been done to alleviate the problem.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Ambrozic (cont'd) - One, answer that I got was...because I suggested at the meeting finally that we potentially put speed bumps in there; like 2 sets of 3 at the bottom of the hill where it turns the corner so you can slow people down. More than anything, you have to do something to slow the transition time down through there because that's the only reason people would choose not to go through there. It's faster to go through our neighborhood than it is to go Pearl Road to Royalton Road. That's the bottom line; so people do it all the time. The only way to alleviate the situation is to make the travel time more than it is to go the other way. I mean, that's really the bottom line. That's the only way to remedy the problem. Two sets of three speed bumps is something that I recommended at the HOA meeting last year, instead of people going to complain to the cops; and then the cops sit there for 2 days and give out speeding tickets and put one of those signs up for speeding. Speeding is not the problem. It's the volume of traffic, okay; I can't tell you, I know personally and I've shared with other people there and they said the same. A lot of drivers will be, "Get out of the road!" They will honk and...dude, we live here. We're riding bikes with our kids. What do you mean get out of the road? They think it's like their private cut-through street. If we put speed bumps in, most of the people that live on this side of the neighborhood go out that way on most that live on this side go that way; so speed bumps would only come into play for the residents when we cross over which is much less of the time. It would also cut down on people using it to just go through. They would always have to go over the speed bumps. That was the only solution that I could think of that would make sense. The response that I got from the Mayor's office, from the police was, "We don't put speed bumps in the City of Strongsville to control traffic because it either A – somebody gave me an example there – what if a little girl was riding her bike on the speed bump and she wrecked and fell and then we get sued because the speed bump was there and we put it there?" I said, "It doesn't even make any sense. You think that parents aren't going to potentially sue knowing that we brought this up to the city for years...that there's problems with the drivers cutting through there?" I'd be more worried about that potential legal risk than the other one. It would make sense to me.

Ms. Pientka – Five minutes Mr. President.

Mr. Ambrozic – Am I allowed...

Mr. Carbone – If you could wrap it up.

Mr. Ambrozic – Yes, the second answer that I got was, "The City of Strongsville hasn't put in speed bumps and we just don't." I said, "Well why?" They said, "Well, that's just how we've always done it." I said, "Well, the city didn't look like this 40 years ago. That's not a legitimate answer to say, 'Oh, we haven't done it ever so we're not going to do it.'" I mean, obviously, the City of Strongsville has changed immensely in the last 50 years. I don't know if there's a way to petition or something to allow speed bumps to be put in the city or find some way to make that as a possible solution for that ongoing problem. Obviously, I didn't know where else to go with it.

Mr. Carbone – Well, you did a great job. We appreciate you bringing the attention, again, to us. I know Mr. Kaminski was on it; and I know there were speed trailers and speed details from the police department and everything. We'll put our heads together and see what we can come up with.

Mr. Ambrozic – I appreciate it, thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

James Stadnik, 19239 Knowlton Parkway #103, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, I would like to talk about traffic. You saw though, we have a traffic problem here. It used to be our traffic pattern is like a (unintelligible) 50s, 60s, 70s. I was wondering is there anybody to discuss use of roundabouts, Royalton Road and Pearl Road for example? It's the 21st century; cities are using this, countries are doing this. I just moved back here from Louisiana. They took studies. They found instead of keeping the lights, making larger roads...just put a roundabout in and it works tremendously. Has there been any discussion about this?

Mr. Carbone – There has been some discussion, but what we could do is audience participation is an opportunity for you to voice your opinion to us, not to go back and forth.

Mr. Stadnik – Okay.

Mr. Carbone – After the meeting, we can discuss it or have somebody in the administration discuss it with you.

Mr. Stadnik – I was hoping there was consideration on it because the gentlemen over there said 50-60 years...we've been doing the same traffic from the 50s, 60s and 70s. You have a lot more traffic now. All we're doing is stopping from Point A to Point B. You cant get from one Point A to Point B in a timely manner. We have so many traffic lights. By the way, when you set your cruise to 35mph, you stop at every light. It just takes you forever to get somewhere. You all know that Pearl Road and Royalton Road is jammed up constantly. I see they're putting roundabouts in. Solon did it...a couple areas and they work. I'm just hoping people are considering it, relieving some of the traffic so you can get from Point A to Point B in a timely manner. That's all I have to say.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much sir.

Mr. Stadnik – Thank you.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2024-090 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. 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 VACANT LAND AND REAL ESTATE LOCATED NEAR ROYALTON ROAD AND PROSPECT ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO LB (LOCAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION (PART OF PPN 393-15-028), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 06-03-24. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 06-11-24. Second reading 06-17-24. Public hearing was scheduled for a special meeting on 07-30-24, but cancelled due to petitioner's request for withdrawal.*

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

Roll Call: All nays. Motion fails. Ordinance No. 2024-090 DEFEATED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-115 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION TO THE PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND CT CONSULTANTS, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE WHITNEY ROAD COVERED BRIDGE PROJECT (CUY-WHITNEY ROAD BRIDGE; PID NO. 111574), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-115 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-116 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE, WITHOUT CHANGE IN PRICE, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND SUBURBAN MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE WHITNEY ROAD COVERED BRIDGE PROJECT (CUY-WHITNEY ROAD BRIDGE PID NO. 111574), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-116 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-117 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 14 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE, AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 15 FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-117 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-118 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROGRESS DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-118 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-119 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR STATE OF OHIO ISSUE 1 FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ALBION ROAD AND PROSPECT ROAD (SR 237) INTERSECTION, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-119 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-120 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SOUTHPARK CENTER TO PERMIT RENOVATIONS TO CONVERT THE EXISTING FORMER SEARS STORE LOCATION INTO A DICK'S HOUSE OF SPORTS FACILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-120 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-121 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EMPLOY SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL AND ENTER INTO A RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS RELATING TO PROPERTY DAMAGE INCURRED AT THE WESTWOOD LIFT STATION ON WESTWOOD DRIVE IN STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-122 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION REQUEST NO. 2 FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND MS CONSULTANTS, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND WESTWOOD LIFT STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-122 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-123 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS B & C, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-123 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-124 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-124 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2024-125 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY. [Kerr]

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-125 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-126 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 RELATING TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-126 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-127 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION UNDER THE FIREFIGHTER EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-127 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-128 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN OF A PROPOSED FIRE STATION NUMBER 5, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-128 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-129 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES TO MAKE APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FOR FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE 2025 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM, IN CONNECTION WITH RENOVATION OF THREE RESTROOMS AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT SENIOR CENTER; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-129 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-130 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM CINTAS CORPORATION TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-130 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2024-131 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE MATTHEW "STU" STUCZYNSKI FAMILY TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-131 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-132 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2023-170 TO AMEND SECTION 9-008 FOR SCHOOL GUARDS; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-132 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-133 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY TO CERTIFY TO THE FISCAL OFFICER OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY UNPAID PROPERTY MAINTENANCE NUISANCE ABATEMENTS FOR LEVY AND COLLECTION ACCORDING TO LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-133 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-134 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENGAGE BREWER-GARRETT COMPANY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTMENT GRADE AUDIT IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM AND TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT FOR THE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-134 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: TRFO - C2 - D1 - D6: To: GetGo Operating LLC, DBA: Strongsville GetGo 3086, 17573 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 09/09/2024).

Motion by Mr. Short, second by Ms. Roff to file a conditional objection to the application for permit based upon the applicant's lack of compliance with the City's Building, Health and/or Safety Codes; provided that when and if compliance is confirmed by the Building Department, the Clerk will withdraw the objection in Columbus. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Pro Tem Short adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.


Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

09-16-24
Date