

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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, February 20, 2024, at 6:45 p.m.**

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

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 6:46 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairwoman Kosek advised Ordinance No. 2024-006 is to amend sections 1242.07, 1258.04, 1258.11(a), 1258.12 and 1270.05 of the planning and zoning code of the Codified Ordinances concerning permitted uses and regulations regarding shopping center districts. The Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation. This was placed on third reading and set for a public hearing for April 1, 2024. Ordinance Nos. 2024-015 and 2024-016 both pertain to the completion of the Albion Road and Webster Road Sanitary Sewer Project. These are for the final assessed amount to the homeowners, as well as establishing the connection charges, respectively. Ms. Kosek questioned what would be the overall cost of the project. Mr. Jamison advised that there are two different assessed amounts to the homeowners, but he was not exactly sure what those amounts were. He stated there is one for the short connections, and one for the long connections. Mr. Jamison confirmed that the first ordinance sets the assessed amount and the second one enacts a section of the Codified Ordinances to authorize the further collection of connection fees over the course of time. Ms. Kosek stated that since the city is required to do this as part of their process to comply on an environmental standpoint, the recommendation is to suspend and adopt both pieces of legislation. Mr. Kaminski commented that Ms. Pientka will be sending out letters to the residents concerning their final assessed amount for this project. Ms. Kosek asked if there would be a meeting concerning this. Mr. Kaminski stated that he does not have a date at this time, but will be setting a date this week for that meeting. Resolution No. 2024-017 is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Saddlehorn Circle waterline replacement project. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairwoman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2024-018 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Vance's Law Enforcement for the purchase of forty new Glock handguns for use by the police department. This includes trade-in of their obsolete guns for a total overall cost not to exceed \$15,403.40. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2024-019; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter a contract with Vance's Law Enforcement for the purchase of various Glock handgun accessories utilized by the police department. The contract is not to exceed \$21,486.00. Ordinance No. 2024-020 is an ordinance authorizing the disposal of used and obsolete police department exercise equipment no longer needed for any municipal purpose. That will be donated to the Brook Park police department. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2024-021; an ordinance authorizing the disposal of various items of equipment no longer needed.

Ordinance No. 2024-022 is an ordinance approving and authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance with the Ohio Department of Public Safety under the Ohio EMS grant program for the training of EMS personnel and/or purchase of emergency medical equipment. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Ms. Roff advised that the city's fire levy will be coming up in March and she would like the support from Council as well as residents concerning that.

Finance Committee: Chairman Short advised Ordinance No. 2024-023 is an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures for the year 2024 and repealing Ordinance No. 2023-164. Mr. Short advised that payments were made in 2023 by the city and now additional grant funds have been received that needed appropriation. These funds were related to the Town Center project, and the local fiscal recovery fund for dispatcher wages. He also stated that because the grant money is coming in, the city is moving between accounts for accounting purposes to correctly document where those expenses will be recorded. Mr. Dean confirmed this by stating that this is to update the city's accounting records for the current expenses related to the Town Center project, the \$1.6 million dollar staffing grant, and some other smaller housekeeping items. The recommendation is suspension and adoption for this legislation.

Communications & Technology Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2024-024 is an ordinance authorizing participation in a service contract with GHA Technologies, Inc. or the purchase of hardware, computers and software support services for the city's communication and technology department. The contract is in the amount not to exceed \$197,338.51. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Carbone advised Ordinance No. 2024-025 is an ordinance approving and adopting replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances for the last half of 2023 and through January 2024. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 5, 2024 were approved as submitted.

**APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

**Presentation of Dispatcher of the Year Award and Officer of the Year Award by the Strongsville St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus:**

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Mr. President, Chief O'Deens if you could come up, we have several police awards tonight.

Chief O'Deens – Hello everyone, today we are going to give some awards out to some of the police officers and dispatchers that work for us. First, I am going to bring up the guy from The Knights of Columbus for the Officer of the Year and Dispatcher of the Year. The fireman (awards) were given out back in November, so we are just going to these two today. This is Bill and Ray from The Knights of Columbus.

**Dispatcher of the Year: Dispatcher Lindsey Hamilton:**

Mr. Valecky – Thank you, it's my pleasure to be here, and I am honored to be able to give these awards. My name is Ray Valecky, I am the Grand Knight for the Strongsville Council of the Knights of Columbus. We have been doing these awards for several years; for Firefighter, Dispatcher, and Police Officer of the Year. We also do two awards for Public School Teacher and Private School Teacher of the Year. Again, we are very honored to do this. The first award we are going to present is for the Dispatcher of the Year; and that award is going to Lindsey Hamilton, who I understand is here somewhere. Lindsey has been an emergency dispatcher with Southwest Emergency Dispatch since 2018. Lindsey has consistently demonstrated knowledge with her ability to work with all types of people both inside the Dispatch Center as well as our outside customers. Lindsey takes pride in her work as well as her profession as an emergency dispatcher. Lindsey's skills do not end with her dispatching duties; she is also a strong project leader. Lindsey has demonstrated the skill to resolve conflicts, and handle other difficult situations with remarkable patience and admirable tact. Lindsey is a valuable asset to her platoon team with the Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center. She is a team player, and never hesitates to assist others in times of need. As the Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center incorporated new technology and began migrating to a new computer aided dispatch system, Lindsey stepped forward to lead and assist her colleagues in becoming trained and confident with the transition. Lindsey has been commended numerous times by police and fire fighters in the field for a job well done. We believe that these characteristics represent all that is good at the Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center; and we are very pleased to recommend her for the honor of the 2023 Southwest Emergency Dispatcher of the Year; so Lindsey, congratulations.

***At this time, Ray Valecky from the Knights of Columbus presented the Dispatcher of the Year Award to Lindsey Hamilton.***

(Applause)

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

**Officer of the Year: Patrolman Mike Galassi:**

Mr. Valecky - The second award is for Police Officer of the Year, Patrolman Michael Galassi, congratulations. Patrolman Galassi is a very well-rounded officer and has demonstrated that repeatedly throughout 2022. Again, remember these are 2023 awards. We really should have given them last fall, but things happen. Patrolman Galassi is a leader on his shift and is someone that younger officers look up to. He is also an officer that has been asked to take on extra duties. In 2022, he trained two new police officers as a night shift field training officer. Two of Patrolman Galassi's most noteworthy calls were life-saving events. In January, officers were dispatched to a porch fire at an apartment complex and he was the first one on the scene. Upon arrival, he realized that the fire had spread. He immediately notified responding officers, then proceeded to enter the building to start evacuating residents. Patrolman Galassi's quick response and communication were instrumental in updating responding units and in saving the lives of the residents in that apartment complex. The second call involved a male that was having a heart attack. Patrolman Galassi responded and performed CPR until the paramedics came. The male was transported to the hospital. We were happy to hear that later from his wife that thanks to the life-saving efforts by Patrolman Galassi, her husband is alive. Patrolman Galassi also is known for his compassion as a gifted communicator. While training a new officer, he responded to the scene of a fatal motor vehicle accident. Not only did he have to report what happened at the scene, but he also had to go to the hospital and speak to the family of the driver. The family was thankful that their daughter survived, but Patrolman Galassi had to inform them that the passengers had succumbed to their injuries. Patrolman Galassi calmly and professionally explained what he could, and answered any questions that they had. Patrolman Galassi does whatever he is asked and passionately serves the citizens of Strongsville each and every shift. He again is an example, not only for new officers that he trains, but to all officers that he serves with. Again, congratulations Mike.

***At this time, Ray Valecky from the Knights of Columbus presented the Officer of the Year Award to Patrol Officer Michael Galassi.***

**Presentation of 2023 Strongsville Police Department Recognition Awards by Chief O'Deens:**

**Blue-Collar of the Year: Patrolman Luke Berry:**

Chief O'Deens - The next award we will be giving out is the Blue-Collar Award. This year's nominee is Patrolman Luke Berry. Patrolman Luke Berry is a very proactive patrol officer and seeks to identify criminal activity that he can investigate. Patrolman Berry frequently reaches out to retail establishments in order to identify any theft occurrences. He responded to approximately 30 retail thefts, all of which did not have suspects at the time of the initial call. Patrolman Berry worked with other agencies and utilized resources available throughout his investigations, to solve and charge suspects in 27 of those cases. Patrolman Berry is also active in traffic and drug enforcement. During his traffic stops, he always remains alert and looks for clues of drug activity. As a result, he was very successful in making numerous drug seizures and drug arrests. Patrolman Berry has served on the Honor Guard, Mobile Field Force, Criminal Interdiction Team, Deer Harvesting Program and Peer Support Program. Patrolman Berry is willing to help out in any capacity and is a true asset to the City of Strongsville.

***At this time, Chief O'Deens presented the Blue-Collar Award to Patrolman Luke Berry.***

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

**Quality Service of the Year: Detective Steven Vanek:**

Chief O'Deens – The next award is the Quality Service Award and that is going to go to Detective Steven Vanek. Detective Steven Vanek has been assigned to the detective bureau since May 2022. In this time, he has demonstrated his superb technical skills and expertise in evidence collection and scene processing. Detective Vanek single-handedly processed an entire scene for a homicide case, and also an aggravated robbery scene which involved a shooting. In this case, he was able to extract a bullet that was lodged in a wall between apartments. Additionally, Detective Vanek trains new officers in evidence collection, processing, and crime scene photography. Detective Vanek has also helped build the Strongsville drone program and became one of its first pilots. In this time, he has trained other officers to become pilots and utilized the drone during several incidents throughout the year. Detective Vanek regularly exhibits dedication, thoroughness, and persistence in furthering the department's mission and values.

***At this time, Chief O'Deens presented the Quality of Service Award to Detective Steve Vanek.***

(Applause)

**Citizen of the Year: Julie Jarrell:**

Chief O'Deens – The next one is the Citizen Award. These are always fun and interesting. Julie is coming up and her dog, Hershel. Hershel is the hero in this. I'm actually going to read what she wrote, so bear with me. On July 28, 2022 at approximately 6:00 p.m., Strongsville Police officers responded to a report of a choking one-year old child. Dispatch advised that they were having trouble trying to explain rescue efforts to the caller. A witness explained that they observed the child's guardian running frantically down the driveway carrying the child. A neighbor, Ms. Julie Jarrell, followed her dog's lead around the street corner where gathering neighbors called for her help. On her arrival, the child was unresponsive with agonal breathing and his lips were turning blue. Ms. Jarrell immediately performed basic life support measures until the airway was cleared, and the child's breathing stabilized. Responding rescue forces reported hearing the child begin to cry upon their arrival. Ms. Jarrell's quick decision to help was instrumental in saving the life of this child. Ms. Jarrell would also like to recognize that this was a group effort. Since prior to her arrival, other neighbors ran to help and took the initiative to call 911. The community believes the main hero of the story is Hershel, a modern-day Lassie. One month prior to the incident, the Jarrell family took in Hershel, a neglected, abused and half-blinded senior Shih Tzu. Hershel sensed something was happening, stopped Julie from getting in the shower and went as far as pulling out of the collar twice to lead Julie across the street to the emergency. The grateful community returned Hershel's efforts by donating towards surgery to address injuries he sustained from abuse. The Jarrell family since adopted Hershel where he is living happily in his forever home. Julie Jarrell is a practicing registered nurse who also teaches basic life support for The American Heart Association which includes infant CPR. She would like to remind the public that anyone who can learn to perform CPR, to encourage them to take a course for scenarios like this, thank you very much.

***At this time, Chief O'Deens presented the Citizen Award to Julie M. Jarrell.***

(Applause)

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

**Appreciation of the Year: Crossroads Animal Hospital:**

Chief O'Deens – The last award we want to give out is appreciation to one of our businesses that has helped us since the inception of our canine units in Strongsville, and that's Crossroads Animal Hospital. It is with great appreciation that we recognize the staff at Crossroads Animal Hospital. Crossroads has supplied complimentary veterinary care for the Strongsville Police K9 Unit since its inception in 1995. During this time Crossroads has been the sole veterinarian service for all 9 of Strongsville's K9 teams. You can see, they have their hands full. It's not an easy job and they do not play well all the time. We truly thank each member of Crossroads Animal Hospital for their service and the love they have provided for the past 28 years. Your service and generosity to the City of Strongsville is greatly appreciated.

***At this time, Chief O'Deens presented the Appreciation of the Year Award to Crossroads Animal Hospital***

(Applause)

Mr. Carbone – Before you leave, I would like to say thank you for your commitment to our community. The extent that you go putting your lives on the line for our safety, and for our families; it is much appreciated. I know law enforcement and our safety forces...one year there's an appreciation of the year, then maybe there's not as much. I can tell you this, in the City of Strongsville, I think I can speak for the administration and for this Council, there's always an appreciation for our safety forces, so thank you very much.

(Applause)

Mr. Carbone – When it comes to a resident stepping up, when it's least expected, that is an amazing thing. You went above and beyond for your residents and for your neighbors. That's why we are all here. We are a big town, we are a busy town, but we are a close knit community as well, and to do that is just amazing. When you look at the safety in our community, we are all one piece and we all have an important piece in the safety in looking out for one another, so thank you very much. Now, we have a very exciting agenda this evening, and if you would like to stay, you're more than welcome to stay. If you want to take leave and celebrate, you can also do that. Thank you everybody for coming this evening.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark:** I would simply like to announce that our February Economic Development Committee meeting is this coming Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. here in the Council chambers. I will happily take any questions, but that concludes my report if none.

(No questions)

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Ms. Roff:**

(No report)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Ms. Roff:** I tonight have five ordinances. The first is Ordinance No. 2024-018 and that is to purchase forty new handguns to finish off the replacement of the old handguns. We did half last year and we will do half this year. The second ordinance will be for the accessories for the handguns which is Ordinance No. 2024-019. The third ordinance is Ordinance No. 2024-020; and that ordinance is to dispose of exercise equipment and donate that to the Brook Park police department. The next ordinance is Ordinance No. 2024-021 and that is to dispose of other various items no longer needed from the police department. Then I have Ordinance No. 2024-022 and this is to apply for financial assistance for the training of our personnel and other equipment possibly needed. Suspend and adopt on all those and hopefully support these for our safety services. They do a great job, and I think it's important for them to have everything they while they are out there. Also, while we are speaking of our safety forces, our fire department has a levy up; and it would be nice to have support for that. I'm sorry, an issue to rezone land over here on Royalton Road. Our school has a levy and we would like support for that; but our school board representative will take care of that. We have some rezoning over here on Royalton Road with some of the other pieces that have already been rezoned for a possible future fire station here in town; if we can have your support for that.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much, any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No questions)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Spring:**

(No report)

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring:** Obviously, a lot of great things going on at the schools with the levy coming up quickly on March 19, 2024; Issue 25. Please do your research. There are plenty of places to go to get all the facts on this. At the school board meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024, they did announce a new high school football coach - Jason Trusnik. He is a parent in the district, business owner, and former NFL alumni. He said he is very excited to get started and we are lucky to have him. Also, Superintendent Ryba gave the school board a very detailed mid-year review going over their strategic plan, the planning timeline, and the measurement criteria used to measure the progress of the schools. That is that, so if there are no other questions....

Mr. Carbone – Mr. Spring had mentioned Issue 25, we have the Vice President of the School Board, Laura Housum. Would you like to come up and say some words?

Ms. Housum - President Carbone, President Pro Tem Short, Members of Council, and Mayor Perciak, thank you for having me here tonight. I know you may have some questions to ask me about Issue 25; but before I take any questions, I have a short statement I would like to go over with you if that's ok. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you about Issue 25, the school district's levy renewal on the March 19<sup>th</sup>; the Presidential Primary Election. I would like to thank you up front for your past support of our school district and this levy renewal. We appreciate our long-standing partnership with Council and the city working together for the betterment of Strongsville and its citizens. As you know, this is the second time we are coming to the voters seeking the renewal of this levy which was first passed in 2019. The facts about the levy remain the same. Issue 25 is a renewal levy with no new taxes. The original 5.9 mill levy generates approximately \$9,854,000 dollars annually for our district and our students. When we say no new taxes, we mean it.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring (cont'd):**

Ms. Housum (cont'd) - The effective millage for issue 25 is 5.12 mills because our property values have increased. Our property values increase, the millage is reduced, and the collected tax remains the same; so, there are no new taxes. Many of our neighbors are saying we should fail this levy because the school district has plenty of money. I want to let you know the renewal of this levy is essential to our strategic plan. Issue 25 will enable us to effectively manage and utilize our resources to provide safe, modern, and high-quality learning environments that afford premier educational experiences. What will change if the levy is never renewed? Immediately, not much. Our district will still be a 5-star rated district, the highest rating in Ohio; at least for a year or so. Our buses will still bring students to school; at least for a year or so. Our students will still learn to be model Mustangs – preparing to graduate and be ready for college, career, or the military. After school, our students will engage in activities like athletics, music, and theatre. However, the facts are that if the levy is never renewed, the district will be bankrupt about 3 years after that. Without the renewal, we are forecast to be over \$14 million dollars in the hole by 2028. Of course, by law, we cannot just ignore the situation by putting our heads in the sand. Please let your neighbors know that 3 years later just to get back to even, we estimate we would need to pass a new money 12 mill levy. When your neighbors say that there's no way that a 12 mill levy will get approved, let them know, that I agree with them. If the levy is not renewed, the board and district will have to consider cuts to our budget. I along with many of you have experienced what it's like when Strongsville schools goes through cuts. They affect our students and children directly. For over 25 years, our schools have gone through a cycle of gain, sustain, and cut. It's not healthy for our city, our schools, our property owners, our employees, and most of all our children. Our neighbors to the south in Medina are experiencing this cycle right now. They are attempting to pass a new money levy and institute about \$10 million dollars in cuts. I don't envy them, and I sincerely wish them good luck. That's why I'm voting yes for Issue 25. Being for Issue 25, means our district will have a healthy financial budget through the year 2028. Being for Issue 25, means when you go to sell your home, you have a good school district backing you up. Being for Issue 25, means our students will go to school in a vibrant, positive environment with growing opportunities. I'm for Issue 25, because I'm for Strongsville. City Council members and Mayor Perciak, I now ask for your support. I encourage you to let your constituents know that you are voting for Issue 25 because you are for Strongsville just like I am. I encourage you to let your neighbors know that they should vote for Issue 25 if they are too for Strongsville. I'm voting for Issue 25 because again, I am for Strongsville. Thank you for your attention, and I would be happy to listen to any comments or questions that you might have.

Mr. Carbone – Any questions?

Mr. Kaminski – Thank you Laura for the information, and you have our support.

Ms. Roff – I don't have a question Laura, but I just want to say that all the residents supported my four children who are graduates of Strongsville High School while they were in school; and I will be supporting this levy and our schools for our future youth here in Strongsville. It's a direct correlation with the health of our city to have healthy schools. It goes hand-in-hand and it's very important. Thank you for doing all the work that you do, and being out there again hitting those doors and getting the word out, I appreciate it.



**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring (cont'd):**

Mr. Carbone – I think we all know the impact of not having strong schools in our community. I think the important thing is that I think we have all committed to our schools and this renewal levy before. I don't think it's going to be an issue going forward, but I think we have to spread the word. There's a lot of things out there. You've mentioned your neighbors. There's neighbors out there saying that, "The schools have a lot of money, you should just give it back." These are questions that we have to answer; and I know that had come up and we've talked about that before. You had such a great response, so if you can share it again.

Ms. Housum – Again, we have a healthy cash balance right now, but that was part of the plan when we committed to voters that we would make this levy last over 8 years. Strongsville has been very clear in past elections. They don't want to support new money every 3 to 5 years. We went into this knowing we wanted to stretch our dollars as far as we could. The side effect of making a levy last, that in the middle, you have a healthy cash balance. That's how we are not going to come back to our voters until after 2028 to ask for new money.

Mr. Carbone – I think being fiscally sound and making good fiscal decisions over the years have brought us to this place. I know I sit on the facilities committee with the schools, and there's \$20 to \$25 million dollars' worth of critical repairs in those buildings. I know that was another question that had come up, "Are you hiding \$25 million dollars?"

Mayor Perciak – That's crazy...how do you hide \$25 million dollars?

Ms. Housum – I shouldn't laugh because it is.

Mayor Perciak – But really, the Council President is correct. That question has come up, and you can't hide \$25 million dollars on a balance sheet.

Ms. Housum – I can tell you we did create an 070 fund to not hide \$25 million dollars but to use it with the intent of a down payment on our eventual facilities projects. Like you said President Carbone, you sit on that facilities committee meeting, and you know what shape our buildings are in...you know. Hopefully, moving forward, we can either be building some new buildings or unfortunately we will be putting some band aids on the buildings that we have. That \$25 million dollars is ear marked to make sure that our buildings are safe and secure for our students. I guess you can say we are hiding the \$25 million in plain site where everyone can see that we are planning for our district's future. Things like full-day kindergarten are impossible right now because we don't have the room for it. We have to plan now, so that we are ready for tomorrow.

Mr. Carbone – Very good, and correct, being on the facilities committee and having extensive tours through those buildings...we represent people, we represent families, and kids in this community. My own kids go to that school there, and sometimes when they come back Mayor, and you hear about ceilings leaking and this and that, it breaks my heart because this is Strongsville. This is just about moving forward so I appreciate and applaud all your efforts, your hard work, and your passion. It's easy, we just had 50 public safety forces here, and we put...55% of our budget goes to safety forces because it's that important in our community. Another important thing is our schools. Sometimes it is costly, but that is why we live in Strongsville and that's why we bleed green and white. That's why we brought our families here, we stayed here, and we still have to continue to support.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring (cont'd):**

Mr. Clark – Jim, I support everything you said, but I just do want to point out one thing. The statement, "Sometimes it's costly." I want to mention the value because the schools and where they are rated are very high; five-star awards, and in the top third, and one is in the top 5% of high schools in the state. From a cost stand point, it is one of the greatest values in Northeast Ohio among 32 communities. Our cost, as a taxpayer and as a homeowner, is in the bottom third and our value is well above the top third; and in many categories, in the top 2% and 5%. When we talk about costs, it's actually of high value more so than it is of high cost.

Mr. Carbone – And I think it has to be repeated, this is a renewal levy so it's not any additional cost to what we are paying for now. Anything else?

Mr. Kaminski – One other comment, we've had this great run of great success in the city and great success at the schools. When you combine those two things, guess what? Our home values have really benefited from that. I think everyone that owns a home in Strongsville realized that. The Mayor has talked about that at the "State of the City Address" and he will on March 12, 2024 as well. That's, for most people, one of our biggest assets is our home. We have a great thing going here between the performance of the city and the performance of the schools. I think it's a smart thing to keep it going.

Ms. Kosek – I just wanted to add, first of all, thank you Laura and thank you to the other board members who are really doing a service to our city by keeping the schools on the straight and narrow and providing a really great service for our students. I have two children who are in the district and they are getting excellent educations, and I appreciate the work that you are doing. I also appreciate the work that Mr. Anagnostou is doing and Mr. Ryba. The idea that our treasurer, who is probably the best treasurer in the State of Ohio, would be hiding money is absurd. He is an ethical individual who is doing the best job that he can for our city...for our schools and that is why we have good planning. We shouldn't be punishing our schools for good planning. The other thing that you said that I just wanted to emphasize is our home values have increased; but it's really important...school finance is not something that is intuitive to people. The most important thing that you said tonight was there is no additional dollars that are going to come from this renewal. It is always going to raise the same amount of money. If your house value increases, it will not increase how much you have to pay as related to the house value. As our houses appreciate in value, it does not change how much money the school gets. I just want to make sure that everyone understands that; because before I understood it being involved in this, it was something that didn't...it's not intuitive. It's not something that you would think, so thank you for explaining that. Obviously, I support this issue. Thank you for coming and talking to us about it.

Ms. Roff – If you could just get one important fact about when these home values...when it was evaluated and when this levy took place...the year, so people understand what their house is valued at and how much. Like Tom said too, we are getting a lot of value. We are running off of home values that were...was it 2018?

Ms. Kosek – This is a 2019 levy.

Ms. Roff – So the home values in 2019, pre-housing boom, real estate boom is a big deal.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring (cont'd):**

Mr. Carbone – I know you guys are doing a great job knocking on doors, doing literature drops, social media, and all that. If there is a way that a resident wants more information, you may have shared that, but just in case you didn't.

Ms. Housum – I will share that again, there are three places. First off, I would start with a board member, all of our information is on the website. You can go to Strongsville City Schools and click on board of education. All of our cell phone numbers are listed there. Please feel free to reach out to any of us. If we don't have the answer, we will get it for you in a timely fashion. Second, I would go to [www.strongnet.org](http://www.strongnet.org), and under the community section, is information on the March 19<sup>th</sup> levy. Third, [www.forstrongsville.com](http://www.forstrongsville.com), which is a group of concerned parents and citizens known as "Continue the Excellence." They are a group of volunteers and are putting in countless hours to get the right information out there to our citizens. They have all of the factual information on their website as well.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you.

M. Housum – I just wanted to thank you guys for letting me come up and speak. I'm here on behalf of administration and my other school board members, we have members that are out traveling for work. We also have a great event going on across the street at the middle school tonight called "Founders Day" where we are honoring our volunteers of the year. I have a couple of board members that are over there, so thank you for letting me be the representative and stand up and talk to you guys.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much.

Ms. Roff – Laura, you can feel free to tag me on those links that you have. I'm sure all the Council members would agree to that too, so that goes on to our social medias.

Mr. Kaminski – That would be fine.

**FINANCE – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. Carbone, we have one ordinance tonight. Ordinance No. 2024-023 that deals with appropriations and expense line item adjustments for the Town Center improvement fund, the local fiscal recovery fund, the Camden Woods TIF, and the fire vehicle fund. Essentially, just for recording and for accounting purposes - reallocating appropriations and matching grant money that is coming in. The motion there is to suspend and adopt that tonight. Are there any questions?

(No questions)

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short**

(No report)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Kaminski:** In Communications and Technology we have one ordinance. Ordinance No. 2024-024 is for the purchase of hardware, computers and software support services for the use by the department of communications and technology. This is part of the 2024 budget. The recommendation is suspension and adoption on that ordinance this evening, and that concludes my report.

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Ms. Kosek:** Yes, I have three ordinances, Ordinance Nos. 2024-006, 2024-015, 2024-016 and Resolution No. 2024-017. Ordinance No. 2024-006 is a rezoning of our mall; this will be the third reading tonight. We have gotten a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission at their meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. This going to be set for a public hearing on April 1, 2024. We also have Ordinance No. 2024-015 and Ordinance No. 2024-016 which are a package deal. They relate to the sewers that were put in over in Ward 1 on Webster Road and Albion Road. This will allow us to do the special assessments for those home owners. Mr. Kaminski assures me that there will be letters going out this week from the Council office letting folks know what their assessment will be. Mr. Kaminski will be planning a meeting...I don't mean to speak for you, do you want to go ahead?

Mr. Kaminski – We will have a meeting probably the first or second week of March. We will be sending out letters on that as well.

Ms. Kosek – For both of those, I would ask that we suspend and adopt. Again, this is something that is required of us for environmental purposes, so it really is a necessity. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt those. We also have Resolution No. 2024-017 which is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to go out and advertise for bids for Saddlehorn Circle waterline replacement which is in Ward 3. As I said earlier, I can attest that it definitely needs to be replaced so the kids will not be dodging the water at the bus stop there. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt that also. If anybody has any questions, I would be happy to answer those. Otherwise, I will send it back to you President Carbone.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek:**

(No report)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Carbone:** We have Ordinance No. 2024-025; this is approving and adopting replacement pages pertaining to the traffic code of our Codified ordinances. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:**

(No report)

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

**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 concludes my report.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Pete Shokalook, 19105 Quail Hollow Drive, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Your Honor and Council members, can you hear me? My name is Pete Shokalook, and I live at 19105 Quail Hollow Drive, Strongsville, Ohio. In my haste to...I have to apologize, in my haste to come down here, I forgot to put my hearing aids in. So, if you go down to your microphone, you can yell at me as much as you want, okay. My wife and I recently...finally paid off the house; and since then, we've had two water main breaks. The first one, threw about four to five inches of water in my basement and knocked out my sump pump because it overworked. I had to get rid of it. I had to get a company to fix it and that cost about \$10,000.00; homeowner's insurance does not cover that. It knocked out my sump pump, so I had to pay \$2,500.00. I put in a new sump pump and an emergency backup so if the power goes off, it takes that too. Then, I thought I had it covered, we have everything four inches above the ground; come down, next water main break. Another four inches of water, and it didn't...the sump pump worked, but the other half got flooded from the drain...the drain in the basement. I had to fix that and that was \$1,800.00 for that. Now, I find out while they were investigating, they looked and seen I have cracks and a bowed wall...basement wall on my east wall where the water has flooded it, and pushed it back. I'm almost...I do work yet, but I should be retired. I'm spending this money...enormous amounts of money...thousands of dollars every time these water mains break. What's happening is the water gushes down, and I guess Quail Hollow Drive is the dispensary of the water and the sewers just can't handle it. Now, the water department and whoever runs that, they would...they did arrive; but by the time they arrived, it's too late, the surge is up. I talked to Councilwoman Roff...Ann, and she mentioned that I should just come down and just talk to the Council about that. There are five or six houses that are affected and I thought they would be here; but I guess...is anybody...oh you are, great. We are constantly getting flooded...constantly. It is causing an enormous amount of money. We have not complained until today; so if there is any recourse...if there is any...I mean my basement has become the retention basin for the community. If there is any way you can do some retention or do some engineering to divert that, or just slow it down on Quail Hollow, then I'm sure all of us would appreciate it, thank you.

Tom Bienvenu, 19122 Quail Hollow Drive, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: My last name is Bienvenu, my name is Tom Bienvenu. Good evening Council and Mayor...

Mr. Carbone – Your home address?

Mr. Bienvenu – Oh, 19122 Quail Hollow Drive, and I'm actually right across the corner from Pete here. I'm actually here on the same issue, kind of on the other side of the spectrum. I just moved to Strongsville about two years ago, and this is my first house. My wife and I bought a house with enough bedrooms that we plan to live here for a very long time. We were encouraged to come here. The incentive to come here was because the school system is so good. We want to be part of that, we want to pay into it, and we want to enjoy it. I guess I'm the guy that you encourage to come to your city. We have had three floods in 13 months; and all three floods have caused over a foot of water in my basement. I live a little bit closer to the water main breaks; and I know that the water main breaks and the water main is not your responsibility, it's the Cleveland Water department.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Mr. Bienvenu (cont'd) - If we can do anything to help repair, or divert water, or whatever we could do to encourage them to replace that line. I'm getting really worried because every time I replace my furnace and water heater, it costs thousands of dollars. I'm worried that every time I go to work, I'm going to come home to another flood; especially this time of year when it gets cold and warm. My basement doesn't flood from any rain events, any weather or anything else; it's only from when that water main breaks. It has broken three times in the same spot within a couple hundred feet of itself. I really don't know what to do. I have gone to insurance for the first flood and they helped; but if I keep going through insurance every time there's a flood every six months, they are going to...it's not going to work out long term. I need some sort of something I guess; because I don't think it's my fault, and I don't think it's my house's fault that somebody else's water main that I don't own is breaking. Anything that we can get for guidance or help with this would really be appreciated.

Mr. Carbone – If you want to leave your information with our Council clerk, and then the Mayor will distribute it.

Mr. Bienvenu – Okay, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Anybody else this evening?

Mary Coleman, 19096 Quail Hollow Drive, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: I'm Mary Coleman, we are at 19096 Quail Hollow. My husband and I just bought the house in May. We are first time homeowners as well. Moved to the State of Ohio less than a...about a year and a half ago. We moved in and we thought we had no issues. We've had water in our basement a couple of weeks ago after this past main flooding or main water break. We've lucked out with relatively minor pooling; but hearing these stories, and knowing what could come, makes us a little nervous. We just put a lot of money into a down payment and the first house. Now, thinking about setting up for something like this, was unexpected. I agree...any guidance on ways we could take care of it, or encourage the city to do something.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much for coming. Again, on your way out if you want to give your information to our Council clerk.

Mr. Jamison – Is everybody done? So just to respond to those folks, we are aware obviously of the situation; you can tell by what is on the legislation tonight. We had another area in the town that was similar to yours; and it's going to cost us a substantial amount of money to repair that. We've talked to Cleveland Water; and at this point, they are not recommending replacing the line at this time. I have been through this personally; and in my experience as a law director, my old home had three breaks in front of my home over the course of time. I know what an imposition it is. If we replaced the line in this area, it is a substantial amount of money to do it. Engineering indicates that because of the utilities in the area, it would probably have to go down the middle of the road because that's where the existing line is. As you can tell, that is a major undertaking to replace it for that long of a stretch. That being said, this is something that we've had multiple conversations about. We will continue to monitor and hopefully...it seems like in looking at the periods of where it has broken, it's mainly in the freeze/thaw cycles. During the...it freezes then it warms up, it freezes and warms up. That's where the lines come under stress. We've been in contact with Cleveland, and we will continue to monitor it. Cleveland Water is not recommending replacing the line; so the way it works is that Cleveland Water maintains the system, but we own the lines.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Mr. Jamison (cont'd) – Even if we... there has been a proposal years ago for us to turn over our lines to Cleveland, but they wanted something in return. That something was an economic development stimulus that any new jobs that were to come into Strongsville from Cleveland, we would have to share the income tax revenue with them. On top of that with my experience in that situation, even if we were to turn our lines over to Cleveland and say, "Alright, it's your responsibility now," there's no guarantee that they would replace the lines.

Mayor Perciak – Absolutely correct.

Mr. Jamison – In fact, they are telling us that right now. Again, we are aware of the situation and we are aware of the secondary effect that it's having on, particularly, your basements. With this information I've heard tonight, I will talk to engineering and see if there is anything we could do to alleviate the increase or inflow of water when these take place. I don't know if there is something that can be done that might be able to trap some of that water to maybe prevent it; I'm not guaranteeing that. That is something I will share with them to see if there is something we can do. Sounds like you guys are lower than Drake Road and that is why you are getting the water as it is. That was my experience in another community.

(Unintelligible background conversation)

Mr. Jamison – I get it, and I have seen the pictures, so we are a little constrained now.

Mr. Carbone – You know what sir, if after the meeting...

Mr. Jamison – You have had your chance to speak and the rules are...if you want to talk after the meeting I will certainly stick around and talk to you. We are aware of it; and you could understand a stretch of road like this, to invest that kind of money, it's going to be a substantial undertaking financially to do that. We are going to look into...to see if there is any kind of assistance programs out there that will assist us to do that. That was one of the ways we were able to on Prospect Road...the storm water system that is going in right now. We were able to get some money from the federal government that allowed us to do that project; again, another major undertaking. We are aware of it, and we will see what we could do to try and prevent it. The only way to prevent it really is to replace the lines. This is a function of where we live in Northeast Ohio, that a lot of lines, not just in Strongsville but all over the area, they are getting old. With the stress that gets put on through higher pressure, for whatever reason, that becomes an issue in certain areas particularly this time of year with the freeze/thaw. Again, we will look into it and I will stick around afterwards and talk to anybody okay, thank you for your time.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Mr. Jamison for doing that this evening.

Ms. Roff – I appreciate that Neal, and can you keep me updated with anything that can be a temporary or like you said, looking into things like maybe our engineering department and our service department? As far as something...like you said, maybe like a little retention area or something. I don't know how that would work if people would have to give up some of their land or an easement; but I guess if you can keep me updated with that too please, thank you. Thank you, Mayor, too for working on this today...I know you worked on it.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak - Retention is not the issue here, it's the age of the pipe and it's the pressure in the pipe. You have to remember where all these people are, pretty much just a little bit north of you but south where I'm at. At the end of the day, they are trying to get water all the way up there. Cleveland Water has to...their engineers and our engineers are already working with them. We made it crystal clear to them that our residents can't suffer because of something they may or may not be aware of. They have been out there how many times? We continue to dialogue with them in a very forceful manner; and that's all I'll say. We are going to continue to pursue that so that everybody who is just moving into this town, and those of us that have been here for a long time, that we can have some...not be worrying about this. Years ago, we had problems with backup all through the city, so then we had to put in a retention. This is caused by old lines and simply pressure in that line. We have a great engineering staff. We don't have any choir boys and girls in our engineering staff. They are well seasoned...twenty/twenty five years...ten years. These are people that have been around. Our service director is also an engineer. He probably knows by heart where every water line lies in this city. He has been here for over 35 years. So, he is working...and by the way, they do have a good working relationship with the people here. As you know, the Cleveland Water, a branch of it is right next store to Sgt. Clean Car Wash there on Pearl Road. We do work with them all the time. We are going to continue to work with them and see what we can do to alleviate this. All of you are right, it should not be happening.

Ms. Roff – Thank you, I know the other half of that is going up towards your neighborhood, is the lack of water or not having any as a result. They get too much and other people get none. It's affecting a lot of people in different ways. I will keep my residents updated also the best I can as they update me. I will pass these over to Aimee, and you guys can leave your information with her. Those are my cards there too. I think most of you have my information; so I appreciate that.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2024-006** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1242.07, 1258.04, 1258.11(a), 1258.12 AND 1270.05 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, CONCERNING PERMITTED USES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 01-16-24. Second reading and referred to the Planning Commission 02-05-24. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 02-08-24.*

***Placed on third reading and set for public hearing for April 1, 2024.***



**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2024-015** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALBION ROAD AND WEBSTER ROAD BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY CONSTRUCTING SANITARY SEWERS AND MANHOLES, INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER SERVICE CONNECTIONS WHERE THEY DO NOT NOW EXIST, AND REPLACING, WHERE NECESSARY, PAVEMENT, DRIVEWAY APRONS, STORM SEWERS, CATCH BASINS AND CULVERTS, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, 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. 2024-015 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-016** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 1046.249 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CHARGES FOR ANY CONNECTIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE ALBION AND WEBSTER ROADS SANITARY SEWER PROJECT FOR THOSE LOTS AND LANDS FOR WHICH AN ADDITIONAL CONNECTION OR CONNECTIONS IS REQUIRED OR WHICH WERE NOT ASSESSED FOR SUCH 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. 2024-016 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2024-017** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SADDLEHORN CIRCLE WATERLINE 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. Resolution No. 2024-017 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2024-018** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FORTY NEW GLOCK HANDGUNS, MODEL 45 MOS-7 9 MM, FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR TRADE-IN OF EXISTING OBSOLETE GUNS AND ACCESSORIES, AND TO HAVE THE CREDIT APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE, 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. 2024-018 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-019** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS GLOCK HANDGUN ACCESSORIES AND APPURTENANCES FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY, 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. 2024-019 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-020** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF USED AND OBSOLETE POLICE DEPARTMENT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, THROUGH DONATION AND TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF BROOK PARK POLICE 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. 2024-020 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2024-021** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT UTILIZED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

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. 2024-021 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-022** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UNDER THE OHIO EMS PRIORITY ONE AND SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND/OR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL 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. 2024-022 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-023** by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-164.

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. 2024-023 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2024-024** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF HARDWARE, COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; 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. 2024-024 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-025** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY FOR THE LAST HALF OF 2023 AND THROUGH JANUARY, 2024, REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, 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. 2024-025 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

*Application for Permit: TREX- D1-D2; TFOL-D3 and NEW- D3A: To: UCG Kags TGDFAB LLC 16808 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 03/04/2024).*


*There were no objections to this permit.*

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Carbone adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

  
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Marielena Beach  
Council Secretary

03-04-24  
Date