

City Council

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City of Strongsville

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June 30, 2022

MEETING NOTICE

City Council has scheduled the following meetings for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>July 5</u>, <u>2022</u>, to be held in the Caucus Room and the Council Chamber at the <u>Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber</u>, <u>18688 Royalton Road</u>:

<u>Caucus will begin at 7:45 p.m.</u> All committees listed will meet immediately following the previous committee:

7:45 P.M.

Public Safety & Health Committee will meet to discuss Ordinance Nos. 2022-105, 2022-106 and 2022-107.

<u>Committee of the Whole</u> will meet to discuss Resolution No. 2022-108.

8:00 P.M.

Regular Council Meeting

Any other matters that may properly come before this Council may also be discussed.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL:

Aimee Pientka, MMC Clerk of Council

STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022 AT 8:00 P.M.

Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber 18688 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
- CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:
- 4. ROLL CALL:
- 5. COMMENTS ON MINUTES:
 - Regular Council Meeting June 21, 2022
- 6. APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:
 - Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office to Sergeant Brian M. Vlna of the Strongsville Police Department.
- 7. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE:
 - SCHOOL BOARD Clark
 - BUILDING & UTILITIES Clark
 - SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM Short
 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Short
 - PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION DeMio
 - FINANCE Kosek
 - PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING Kaminski
 - PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH Kaminski
 - RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES Roff
 - COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY Carbone
 - COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE Carbone
- 8. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICERS:
 - MAYOR PERCIAK:
 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT:
 - LAW DEPARTMENT:
- 9. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

10. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- Ordinance No. 2022-105 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO THE STRONGSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- Ordinance No. 2022-106 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, A DIVISION OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IN CONNECTION WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & RESILIENCY GRANT, FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE SOUTHWEST EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- Ordinance No. 2022-107 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, A DIVISION OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IN CONNECTION WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & RESILIENCY GRANT, FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- Resolution No. 2022-108 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2022 AS COUNCIL RECESS MONTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 11. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:
- 12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:
- 13. ADJOURNMENT:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – <u>105</u>

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO THE STRONGSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, a School Resource Officer ("SRO") is a sworn law enforcement officer assigned to schools in order to provide a visible presence in a school to assist in maintaining a safe and secure environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Strongsville ("City") and the Strongsville City School District ("School District") are desirous of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding in order to establish a School Resource Officer Program and to set forth the terms and conditions for providing such SROs to promote school safety by building a positive school climate where everyone feels safe and students are supported to succeed; and

WHEREAS, further, the Memorandum of Understanding clarifies roles and expectations of each entity, and formalizes the relationship between the City and the School District in order to foster an efficient and cohesive program that will build a positive relationship between police officers, school staff and the students to promote a safe and secure learning environment; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the School District shall reimburse the City for one-half (1/2) of the hourly rate and cost rollup for the SROs assigned to the Strongsville Middle School and High School, as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding which is attached hereto as Exhibit "1".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor and Chief of Police to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Strongsville City School District in order for the City's Police Department to provide School Resource Officers to the Strongsville Middle School and High School, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Memorandum which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "1".

Section 2. That the funds for the purposes of this Ordinance have been appropriated and shall be paid from the General Fund.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

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Section 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that the execution of such Memorandum of Understanding is immediately required in order to provide for and promote a safe and positive learning environment within the Strongsville City School District, and to conserve public funds. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Pres	sident of Cour	ncil	Approved:	Mayor	-
Date Passed:			Date Approved:	-	
Carbone Clark DeMio Kaminski Kosek Roff Short	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	ORD. No. 2022 – 10	of Council Amended: Ref: Ref: Ref:	
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT and the STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is made this _____ day of July, 2022 ("effective date"), between the CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ("City"), and STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ("School District"). The City and the School District may be referred to individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties" herein.

SECTION I. PURPOSE

This MOU establishes and delineates the mission of the School Resource Officer Program at the Strongsville Middle School, 13200 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136, and the Strongsville High School, 20025 Lunn Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44149, herein referred to as the "SRO Program," as a joint cooperative effort. Additionally, the MOU clarifies roles and expectations and formalizes relationships between the participating entities to foster an efficient and cohesive program that will build a positive relationship between police officers, school staff, and the students, promote a safe and positive learning environment and decrease the number of youth formally referred to the juvenile justice system.

SECTION II. MISSION

The mission of the SRO Program is to promote school safety by building a positive school climate in which everyone feels safe and students are supported to succeed. The SRO Program also seeks to reduce violent crime committed by and against youth in our community. The SRO Program accomplishes this mission by supporting safe, secure, and orderly learning environments for students, teachers and staff. SROs will establish a trusting channel of communication with students, parents, and teachers and establish regular feedback opportunities. The role of the SRO is not to enforce school discipline or punish students. SROs will serve as positive role models to instill in students good moral standards, good judgment and discretion, respect for other students, and a sincere concern for the school community. SROs will provide information on community resources available to students and parents. Goals and objectives are designed to develop and enhance rapport between youth, families, police officers, school administrators, and the community in order to promote overall student achievement and success.

SECTION III. GOALS AND ROLES OF THE SRO PROGRAM

A. SRO program goals include:

- 1. To ensure a safe learning environment for all children and adults who enter the building.
- 2. To prevent and reduce potential harm related to incidents of school violence.
- 3. To foster a positive school climate based on respect for all children and adults in the school.
- 4. To create partnerships with behavioral health and other care providers in the community for student and family referral.

B. Roles of the SRO Program

This SRO program is unique to the community, based on input from the school administration, teachers, faculty, students, families and community members. The program is designed to fulfill three overall roles:

1. Law Enforcement Role – The SRO will be responsible for the majority of law enforcement activities occurring at the school during school hours. This will involve the traditional enforcement activities of arrests, filing charges, etc. The officer is also responsible for conducting follow-up investigations at the request of other police division personnel and for passing relevant

information on to patrol and detective personnel. In addition, the officer is responsible for information sharing between school officials and the police division. To establish and maintain credibility it is imperative that the SRO does not compromise his/her position as an enforcement authority.

While enforcement is a role of the SRO, alternatives to arrest may be used and the officer's discretion to act remains the same as that of any other police officer. The officer in conjunction with school resources could serve as coordinator of an alternative to a suspension/arrest program where a form of community service may be done and coordinated by the officer in a school setting.

- 2. Fostering Positive School Climate/Crime Prevention One of the primary roles SROs fulfill is fostering a positive school climate through relationship-building and crime prevention. Officers will engage in various activities, in consultation with school administration, teachers, and students, and should strive to build a school culture of open communication and trust between and among students and adults by focusing on officers getting to know students at the school, serving as a role model, and working with teachers and administrators to identify students who may be facing challenges and need additional resources or attention to be successful in school. Crime prevention activities include foot patrols, monitoring previous crime locations, speaking to teachers about reducing the opportunity for crimes to occur, analyzing possible crime patterns, investigating crimes, and patrolling the parking lots. Officers may also complete security surveys analyzing the physical safety of school property and facilities.
- 3. Education SROs should participate in the school community by becoming a member of the educational team where appropriate, and by representing the law enforcement community to build positive relationships with youth, their families, and school staff.

Whether talking to students in the hallway or delivering a presentation in the classroom, SROs are embedded in the education fabric within the school. SROs are expected to be proactive in creating and taking advantage of educational situations, and school administrators are encouraged to leverage this resource.

SECTION IV. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. Composition

The SRO Program will consist of Strongsville Police Department personnel that are certified Peace Officers for the State of Ohio and meet all requirements as set forth by the Strongsville School District and Strongsville Police Department Rules and Regulations.

B. Officer Recruitment & Selection

School officials and the Strongsville Police Department office shall discuss guidelines for the selection of officers to serve as SROs. The ultimate selection process and appointment of the SRO shall be made by the Strongsville Police Department.

SROs should meet two general criteria:

1. College or degree coursework – SROs are in an educational atmosphere and potentially will be instructing in middle/high school classes. To increase credibility in this area, a college education would be beneficial and preferred.

2. Experience as a police officer and commitment to student well-being — SROs must have a minimum of two years' experience as a patrol officer, and be at least 21 years of age. Experience working with youth and an interest in student success, juvenile justice, child and adolescent development and psychology, and creating a positive school climate are recommended.

C. Training Requirements

Within one (1) year of entering service as an SRO, officers shall complete a minimum of 40 hours of initial training that covers responsibilities or and limitations of SROs, Ohio school laws, MOUs, child development, conflict resolution, developmentally informed de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques, working with youth in a school setting and integrating SROs into a positive school environment. In addition, it is recommended that SROs receive additional training each year on topics such as trending school based law enforcement topics, child development, adolescent psychology, trauma, conflict resolution, mental health and addiction, children with disabilities, juvenile and education law and policy, PBIS, and cultural competence.

SECTION V. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

A. Chain of Command for SRO

The SRO will be ultimately accountable to the Strongsville Police Department chain of command. The SRO is expected to cooperate with the school officials, including administrators and faculty. The SRO will abide by school policy and respond to the requests of school officials.

B. Duties

The primary functions of the SROs are to help provide a safe and secure learning environment, foster a positive school climate, reduce/prevent crime, serve as an educational resource, and serve as a liaison between the school and the Police Department. Specific daily assignments to accomplish this function will vary. The SRO and school principal or designee will meet on a regular basis to discuss plans and strategies to address specific issues or needs that may arise. As required by law, SROs should never be assigned to duties within schools in place of or in lieu of a certified teacher.

Basic responsibilities of the SRO will include but will not be limited to:

- 1. To enforce criminal laws and protect the students, staff, and public at large against criminal activity.
- 2. Foster mutually respectful relationships with students and staff to support a positive school climate.
- 3. Provide information concerning questions about law enforcement topics to students and staff.
- 4. Provide classroom instruction on a variety of topics including, but not limited to, safety, public relations, occupational training, leadership, and life skills.
- 5. Coordinate investigative procedures between police and school administrators.
- 6. Handle initial police reports of violent crimes committed on campus.
- 7. Take enforcement action on criminal matters when appropriate and after consultation with school administrators.
- 8. Attend school special events as needed.
- 9. Prepare lesson plans as necessary for the instruction provided.
- 10. Collect data on SRO activities (arrests, citations, etc.)

C. Uniform

The SRO will be in the uniform of the day for the Strongsville Police Department and armed.

D. Schedule

SRO schedules will remain flexible to accommodate other duties, assignments and scheduled time off.

E. Absence/Substitution

If the officer who is assigned to SRO duty is absent for any extended period (i.e. vacation, training, extended illness, etc.) an alternate SRO will be assigned. It is the intent of the City to assign an alternate SRO in the event that this occurs.

F. Special Events

To be determined by the Strongsville Police Department and the school administrators consistent with this Agreement.

G. Summer Activity

SROs may still be involved in some summer projects with the School District, however, they will spend the majority of this time on Strongsville Police Department assignments.

H. Role in Responding to Criminal Activity

One of the roles of SROs, as law enforcement officers, is to engage in traditional criminal investigation and report taking. As a police officer, SROs have the authority to issue warnings, make arrests and use alternatives to arrest at their discretion. SROs, however, perform their duties mindful of the parties' common goal of supporting student success.

I. Role in School Policy Violations

SROs are not school disciplinarians and violations of the student code of conduct or schools rules that are not criminal matters should always be handled by school faculty and staff, not SROs. SROs should not directly intervene unless the situation directly affects an imminent threat to the health, safety, and security of the student or another person in the school and will employ de-escalation techniques as appropriate. School discipline is the responsibility of the appropriate school administrator and clear guidelines on SRO involvement should be developed and distributed to school staff. The SRO, as a staff member, will report school policy violations through the proper channels to be handled by school administration. It is the responsibility of the SRO to become familiar with the Student Handbook or Student Code of Conduct, but it is not the responsibility of the SRO to enforce the rules in these documents.

J. Sharing of Information

Communication and information sharing is essential to the success of the SRO program.

- 1. Sharing of information will be governed by the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Administrative Code, Ohio's Public Records Law, HIPAA and relevant Strongsville Police Department and Strongsville School District policies.
- 2. Juvenile fingerprints and photos as part of the arrest record will not be shared by the SRO.
- 3. If the SRO is aware of information on a student that is officially obtained by the Strongsville Police Department, which reflects that the student is in violation of school policies (Student Handbook or Athletic Code), the SRO may forward that information to school administration.

- 4. Information which the SRO obtains from school personnel which deals with criminal or possible criminal intelligence will be maintained by the Strongsville Police Department as a criminal justice file. This file may be shared with other Police Department personnel and Criminal Justice Agencies, but will not be part of the student's school record.
- 5. The SRO shall have access to any public records maintained by the school to the extent allowed by law. Law enforcement officials may need confidential information in emergency situations based on the seriousness of the threat to someone's health or safety, time sensitivity, and the direct relationship of the information to the emergency.

K. Role in Critical Incidents

The SRO will be familiar with the emergency operations manual of the Strongsville School District. During critical incidents occurring when the SRO is present, the SRO will normally act as a liaison between school administration, police personnel, and other emergency resources if practical.

L. Role in Truancy Issues

Truancy will be handled by school personnel. The SRO will not take an active role in the tracking of truants. The SRO will act as a liaison between the school and police personnel should police involvement become necessary due to safety concerns.

SECTION VI. SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Strongsville School District shall provide the SRO of each campus and any SRO supervisor the following materials and facilities, which are deemed necessary to the performance of the SROs' duties:

- 1. Access to a properly lighted private office, which shall contain a telephone, and which may be used for general business purposes.
- 2. A location for files and records which can be properly locked and secured.
- 3. A desk with drawers, chair, work table, filing cabinet, and office supplies.
- 4. The opportunity for SROs to address teachers, school administrators and student families about the SRO program, goals, and objectives.
- 5. The opportunity to provide input regarding criminal justice problems relating to students.
- 6. The opportunity to address teachers and school administrators about criminal justice problems relating to students during in-service workdays.
- 7. The District Emergency Operations Manual, Crisis Plan, Student Handbook/Code of Conduct and other related materials as deemed appropriate.
- 8. School staff designee for referrals for counseling and other school-based and/or community based supportive services for students and families.
- 9. SROs shall respect the sensitive nature of student privacy and shall abide by all applicable confidentiality, privacy policies, and applicable laws.
- 10. Provide training to teachers, administrators, staff and SROs about when to directly involve SROs with student misconduct and about available alternatives to arrest.

SECTION VII. REVIEWING THE MOU AND SRO PROGRAM

The assigned parties shall review the MOU/SRO Program annually and make adjustments as needed. Any revisions will be reflected in an updated MOU.

SECTION VIII. TERM

This MOU shall be in effect as of the effective date first above written and shall expire upon written notice from either Party to the other that they are withdrawing from this MOU. Either Party may withdraw from this MOU by giving the other Party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of withdrawal.

SECTION IX. FUNDING

The School District shall reimburse the City for one-half (1/2) of the hourly rate and cost rollup for the SROs assigned to the Strongsville High School and the Strongsville Middle School, as set forth in the Monthly School Resource Officer Reimbursement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein. Said Exhibit A shall be updated by the City on or after January 1st of each calendar year and timely delivered to the School District. Payments made by the School District as set forth in Exhibit A shall be paid to the City by the fifteenth day of each month.

SECTION X. ASSIGNMENT; INDEPENDENT PARTIES

This MOU is not assignable or delegable by either Party without prior written consent of all Parties. Neither Party shall act or be deemed to be acting as agent for the other.

SECTION XI. NOTICES

Any agreed upon changes to this MOU shall be in written form and addressed to the following:

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT Mark Fender, Chief of Police 18688 Royalton Road Strongsville, OH 44136 e-mail: mark.fender@strongsville.org

With a copy to: Charles Goss, Director of Public Safety 18688 Royalton Road Strongsville, OH 44136 Charles.goss@strongsville.org

Thomas P. Perciak, Mayor 16099 Foltz Parkway Strongsville, OH 44149 Tom.perciak@strongsville.org STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Cameron M. Ryba, Superintendent 18199 Cook Avenue Strongsville, OH 44136 crbya@scsmustangs.org

Agreed to and Accepted by:

"CIT Y	Y" OF STRONGSVILLE	"SCHOOL DISTRICT" STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
By:		By:
_,	Thomas P. Perciak	Cameron M. Ryba
Its:	Mayor	Its: Superintendent

By:		By:	
Its:	Mark Fender Chief of Police	Richard Micko Its: President, Board of Education	
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		By:	
		George Anagnostou	
		Its: Treasurer	



Exhibit A

Monthly School Resource Officer Reimbursement

Strongsville City School District

В C = A+BΑ Total Hourly 1/2 of Hourly **Hourly Rate Cost Rollup** Officer Rate Rate 44.92 \$ Brian Bobula 23.91 \$ 68.83 34.41 Daniel McNeal \$ 45.57 \$ 22.47 \$ 68.04 34.02

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2	September	2022	21	8	168	\$	34.41	\$	5,780.88	\$ 34.02	\$	5,715.36	\$	11,496.24
3	October	2022	20	8	160	\$	34.41	\$	5,505.60	\$ 34.02	\$	5,443.20	\$	10,948.80
4	November	2022	19	8	152	\$	34.41	\$	5,230.32	\$ 34.02	\$	5,171.04	\$	10,401.36
5	December	2022	12	8	96	\$	34.41	\$	3,303.36	\$ 34.02	\$	3,265.92	\$	6,569.28
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6	January	2023	20	8	160	\$	34.41	\$	5,505.60	\$ 34.02	\$	5,443.20	\$	10,948.80
7	February	2023	18	8	144	\$	34.41	\$	4,955.04	\$ 34.02	\$	4,898.88	\$	9,853.92
8	March	2023	. 22	8	176	\$	34.41	\$	6,056.16	\$ 34.02	\$	5,987.52	\$	12,043.68
9	April	2023	14、	8	112	\$	34.41	\$	3,853.92	\$ 34.02	\$	3,810.24	\$	7,664.16
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ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 106

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, A DIVISION OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IN CONNECTION WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & RESILIENCY GRANT, FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE SOUTHWEST EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, and its primary mission is to coordinate activities to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters; and

WHEREAS, through House Bill 169, the 134th General Assembly appropriated a total of \$75 million to provide grants to support communities that have experienced adverse impacts to First Responder personnel, such as EMS dispatching personnel, during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine has designated the Ohio Department of Public Safety ("ODPS") through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency ("OEMA") to administer this portion of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funding; and

WHEREAS, the unique stresses experienced by emergency dispatching personnel include working night shifts, weekends, holidays and, at times, mandates to cancel time off and compulsory overtime, together with working in an understaffed environment, all contribute to staffing challenges brought on or made worse by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, if awarded grant funds, the City intends to use such funds to assist in providing the overall compensation package for dispatch employees in order to retain such valuable emergency dispatch personnel, as well as engage in ways to increase dispatchers' schedule flexibility which may result in increased job satisfaction and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the application for funding is for a period of up to 24 months with no local match required; and

WHEREAS, in addition, when the City is advised that its application for funding under the Grant program is approved, the City is desirous of accepting such award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby ratifies and approves the filing of an application with the Ohio Department of Public Safety through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, for the award of grant funds to be utilized in connection with the wellness, retention and recruitment of emergency dispatching personnel for the City of Strongsville Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center.

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Section 2. That this Council hereby authorizes the acceptance of any award of funding under such Grant program, and hereby authorizes the Mayor, Director of Finance, Chief of Police and/or other appropriate officers of the City to provide, execute and deliver certifications, assurances and such other information as may be required in connection therewith.

Section 3. That any funds which may be awarded shall be placed into and expended out of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to ratify and approve the filing of the application in order to meet the filing deadline and be eligible for receipt of funding, and to conserve public funds. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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President of Council			Mayor
Date Passed:			Date Approved:
	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	Attest:
Carbone	9		Clerk of Council
Clark DeMio Kaminski Kosek Roff Short			
			ORD. No 2022-106 Amended:
			1st Rdg Ref:
			2nd RdgRef:
			3rd Rdg. Ref:
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			Adopted: Defeated:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 107

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, A DIVISION OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IN CONNECTION WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & RESILIENCY GRANT, FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, and its primary mission is to coordinate activities to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters; and

WHEREAS, through House Bill 169, the 134th General Assembly appropriated a total of \$75 million to provide grants to support communities that have experienced adverse impacts to First Responder personnel, such as Police Departments, during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine has designated the Ohio Department of Public Safety ("ODPS") through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency ("OEMA") to administer this portion of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funding; and

WHEREAS, the stresses of law enforcement take mental, physical, social and behavioral tolls on officers, such as with repeated exposure to First Responder critical incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Office of First Responder Wellness ("OFRW") provides training and resources for First Responder personnel and serves as a connection between agencies and mental health services and resources; and

WHEREAS, if awarded grant funds, the City intends to implement the First Responder Resiliency and Peer Support Training Course, which serves as a powerful resource for police in addressing stress management, mental health concerns, and overall officer safety and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the application for funding is for a period of up to 24 months with no local match required; and

WHEREAS, in addition, when the City is advised that its application for funding under the Grant program is approved, the City is desirous of accepting such award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby ratifies and approves the filing of an application with the Ohio Department of Public Safety through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, for the award of grant funds to be utilized in connection with addressing stress management,

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mental health concerns and overall safety and wellness for law enforcement officers and dispatchers for the City of Strongsville Police Department.

Section 2. That this Council hereby authorizes the acceptance of any award of funding under such Grant program, and hereby authorizes the Mayor, Director of Finance, Chief of Police and/or other appropriate officers of the City to provide, execute and deliver certifications, assurances and such other information as may be required in connection therewith.

Section 3. That any funds which may be awarded shall be placed into and expended out of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to ratify and approve the filing of the application in order to meet the filing deadline and be eligible for receipt of funding, and to conserve public funds. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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By: All Members of Council

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2022 AS COUNCIL RECESS MONTH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 10(a) of the City Charter authorizes City Council by vote to provide for recess; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Strongsville, Ohio deems it to be in the best interest of the City to designate the month of August as the month of recess for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Council accordingly will suspend regular Council meetings during the month of August, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

- **Section 1.** That this Council hereby designates and declares a recess from regular Council meetings during the month of August, 2022.
- **Section 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.
- **Section 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary in order to timely provide for Council's yearly recess. Therefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

	Approved:
President of Council	Mayor
Date Passed:	Date Approved:

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