**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026.**

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:45 p.m.**

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

Council President Gordon C. Short called the caucus to order at 6:58 p.m.

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

Public Service & Conservation Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek – We have one resolution. Resolution No. 2026-022; this would authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for the purchase of pavement services for 2026. This is something that residents look forward to every year. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that; unless anybody has any questions. That is all I have.

Mr. Short – Any questions for Ms. Kosek?

(No questions)

Finance Committee:

Chairman Short – We have one ordinance tonight. Ordinance No. 2026-023; this is to amend and update the budget for the annual expenses for the City of Strongsville for the fiscal year 2026. I will just hit some of the highlights. The net increase of $2,113,325.00 even, and the majority of that is an increase of $1,675,000.00 into the Recreational Capital Reserve Fund. This is to record unspent Capital Notes regarding the renovations regarding: The replacement of the pirate ship and the slide at the aquatic center, elevator upgrades and repairs, and the replacement of doors and entryways through the building. That is being...I'm assuming Eric, those proceeds are received and now being credited to the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund. Then, an increase of $240,200.00 in the Drainage Levy Fund for the Westwood Culvert project. Of the $846,000.00, that was in the original estimate, $500,000.00 is being paid for by the Northeast Ohio Sewer District's Community Cost-Share program. The other large one here – less than $100,000.00 – I'm not going to get into detail on, but an increase of $164,450.00 in the Recreation Center MPC Fund. This is to increase additional staffing at the request of the recreation director for building maintenance and Town Center Park maintenance for the recreation center crew over there. Then, we do have a net decrease of $106,495.00 into the Southwest Dispatch Center Fund - we are also closing that fund. This relates to the final cost for the transfer of sick time for the new CVD dispatch. The cost came in lower than anticipated there. That fund will be reduced to zero and those funds have been paid out for the remaining dispatchers for their length of time on the Strongsville payroll, correct?

Mayor Perciak - Their last pay was last week.

Mr. Dean – Yes, that's correct.

Chairman Short – Are there any questions on that amendment to the...

Ms. Roff – The stuff that you talked about, does that relay to some of the damage that was done at the park? As far as having people at the...as far as the recreation goes...hiring extra?

Chairman Short – This is for staffing requests. Do we know what were the....

Mayor Perciak – The damages? No, that does not...

Chairman Short – No, this is just for additional staff.

Ms. Roff – (Unintelligible)...Okay.

Chairman Short – This is just for additional staff.

Mr. Dean – Right, so the recreation director Bryan Bogre asked for more staffing for more coverage so the staff can help clean, maintain the building and the Town Center. We will have more people working there this year to help maintain that building when it is being used. He had some people leave and come and go, so he asked for a couple of more staff (members) available. It all seemed reasonable. I have a list of job duties that he gave us so that he has good coverage for that.

Ms. Roff – That is what I was directly asking about, was the Town Center. I know there has been some damage there in the bathrooms and areas around.

Mr. Clark – During the tour that he took us on...when we did the tour at the last recreation center...Recreation and Community Services Committee meeting, he outlined that this was coming – he anticipated it. He didn't have the details, but it sounds like it came through.

Chairman Short – The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that this evening.

<u>Committee of the Whole Committee:</u>

Chairman Short – We have two ordinances and one resolution this evening. The first ordinance is Ordinance No. 2026-024; this is to amend, as we discussed a couple of meetings ago, amending the start time. Going forward for our committee meetings to be 7:30 p.m. and not 7:00 p.m. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Any questions on that one?

(No questions)

Chairman Short – Vote your conscience on that. Next, is Ordinance No. 2026-025; this is an ordinance to authorize the Mayor into a new lease with the Cuyahoga County Public Library, for the building just across the street here, for a ten-year lease with the library with renewals. After the ten years, an automatic (renewal for up to) four times at five-year increments up to a total of twenty years; unless we give proper notice to them, which I think it's a twenty-four month notice, if I read that correctly. Do we have any questions on this ordinance or thoughts?

Ms. Kosek – I'm a huge supporter of the library...very much supportive of the library, but I would like to put this on first reading because my commercial hat just says ten years with having to give two years notice, we are locked in for ten years, and then it auto renews unless we give notice for five years at four times each. This is essentially a thirty-year lease if we don't give proper notice. I would just like to have some opportunities to think about that and talk about it.

Mr. Jamison – So, if I could address that, please. The library recently met with myself and the Mayor. They wanted a twenty-year extension and then with the renewals. The Mayor told them no. The reason they are asking this is that if you remember, the existing twenty-five year lease expired a year and a half ago. Essentially, we are on a year to year lease with them right now. Either side could pull the plug and walk away with a twelve month notice right now. They don't want to do that. They feel that this is one of their better sites in the county and it is one of the more used sites in the county. As the Mayor related at the last meeting, 58% of the people in Strongsville have a library pass, so it is being used. Relatively speaking, it's not the newest building, but it is one of the newer ones. A number of their facilities were built in the 60s and 70s. Systematically, they are moving through that inventory and they are upgrading or replacing those facilities. Somewhere down the road, I hope that I'm around, they are going to replace this one. Under the current lease, if we decide to terminate the lease now with the year's notice, we have to help them find a new location. The reason they want this now, is that this existing building needs a new roof and other improvements to the tune of $2,000,000.00, which they will expend on their behalf to fix this library up. Their statement to the Mayor and myself was that to make that kind of investment, they want to know that they can at least have the assurance that it will be for the shelf-life of that improvement. Now, typically, for roofs and HVAC it's usually like a twenty-year shelf-life, but they were satisfied with this. After ten years, just like the existing one, we can give notice that we want to move out of there. The problem you have is, is that in my opinion, every community needs a library. It's a social and important hub and meeting place for all walks of life in this community. You just cannot pull the plug on the library without having the ability to find them a new place. We are trying to work with them to make these improvements and to make it the facility it is. Believe me, this was a long discussion the Mayor and I had with them and this is not the first meeting we've had. That is how this all came about. We felt that this was a good compromise going forward. Really, it's a ten year (lease) and if we choose after the ten years that it's not working, or that we want to put them somewhere else, then we can give them the proper notice.

Ms. Kosek – I just want to be very clear because you said a couple of things that I don't want anyone to suggest that I am not supportive of the library. That is absolutely not true, and that is how I started the conversation. I support the library and I am in favor of the library. My concern is simply the length of the term. I am happy that you are telling us all these things, but we just got this and were not able to consider it. Is there a reason that it has to be signed...that it has to be passed tonight?

Mr. Jamison – No. I would suggest that it would be done by the next meeting because they want to start putting out to bid on their end to do the roof and other things that need to be improved over there.

Ms. Kosek – Okay.

Mr. Jamison – If not tonight, you can do it at the next meeting.

Ms. Kosek – Does anyone else have any concerns? Am I the only person who has concerns?

Ms. Roff – I don't think there's an issue with putting it on first reading. I think the next meeting or the meeting after would be fine.

Chairman Short – Is everybody else okay with that?

Mr. Carbone – I support the library 100%. I'm not suggesting at all that we terminate the contract. I was a little surprised with the length in the contract, but by putting it on first reading, it will give us an opportunity to communicate more about this and come up with a…

Mayor Perciak – I'm fine with that and they will have to be fine with it because they understand. The improvements that they are going to put in there are substantial. If we ever decided that it would be in our best interest to vacate that building and try to make a city hall out of it, the issue really is that we have to completely go in there and re-gut that place. We would have to do the roof, the heating, the air conditioning, and everything that wouldn't work for us in today's environment. When you compare what it is costing us to build a fire station – ten million dollars, we know that in the future here, if we wanted to build a new city hall somewhere on campus, we could do it. It would be built to our specifications, and not retrofitting something. There are pluses and minuses.

Mr. Carbone – That's a great point.

Ms. Roff – I don't think that anyone is trying, though, to do…thinking about…

Mayor Perciak – It's okay with me if you want to wait, I have no problem with that.

(Unintelligible conversations)

Chairman Short – Since all of Council has some concerns, let's do a little more research and that we do that. Maybe, we can have committee meeting before the next Council meeting, or I think since some of us won't be at the next Council meeting, if this isn't too pressing, we may have a committee meeting and then look at this more towards the second meeting in April. I'm just thinking…

Ms. Roff – I think all of us support the library.

Chairman Short – We all support the library, but we have to make sure we make the best decisions as well for the city as well as the library.

Mr. Jamison – The next meeting is fine in my conversations with them. Understand, if you choose not to do this, then they are not going to make the improvements to that building, and that's our…

Ms. Roff – No one is choosing that. We are just taking some time to look at it.

Mr. Jamison – Okay.

Ms. Roff – I think all of us support the library and all of us want them to stay here.

Mr. Jamison – If you choose not to do this, then they won't make the improvements to the building and then the building will deteriorate. It's our building at the end of the day.

Ms. Roff – Again, Neal, please don't do that. Don't fear monger. We are not choosing not to do it. We are just choosing to look at it, please.

Chairman Short – I think we need to have...

Mr. Jamison – I strongly suggest that you get a hold of me or the Mayor and I will put you in touch with the library.

Chairman Short – We may just end up having a committee meeting on this to discuss this with you. That way we are all involved.

Mr. Carbone – Just so there is no confusion, this was a ballot issue several years ago. The residents voted for the new library. We bought the new library...

Mayor Perciak – Right, that's correct.

Mr. Carbone - ...the residents did.

Mayor Perciak – We did and we prepaid it, too.

Mr. Carbone – Just so that there is no confusion to anybody in the audience who is watching, the City of Strongsville owns the property and the building.

Mayor Perciak – Correct.

Mr. Carbone – That is why these discussions are happening.

Chairman Short – And I think to Neal's point, they are willing to do this lease and also pay for their upgrades and repairs to the building as well. We also, again, for Council we just got this and it's a ten/thirty year lease. We want to make sure...

Mr. Jamison – I get it...I understand. I am just trying to impart that they would like to move forward to make these improvements. A couple of weeks is fine, but I don't want to drag it out any longer. They have schedules that they have to get this out to bid and stuff like that. They are a public entity, so they have to fulfill those requirements. Yes, so two weeks is fine. If you have any questions, call me if need be. I will put you in charge with the new director of the library. He came to the meeting – a very dynamic young man - has a lot of great ideas. As far as I have been told by others who work in the system, he is doing a great job. If you need for me to have you reach out...for him to reach out to you, I'll gladly make those arrangements because he clearly stated that this is a facility that they have a lot of pride in and want to keep improving to make it a centerpiece for our community.

Chairman Short – We will place this on first reading then this evening for further discussion, and maybe, if necessary, a Committee of the Whole meeting as well to discuss.

Mr. Jamison – Okay.

Chairman Short – Lastly, for the Committee of the Whole, we have Resolution No. 2026-026; this is an interesting ordinance. A public hearing we will have on this as well regarding a nursing home facility here in Strongsville. Southwest Commons is being acquired by a Minnesota corporation who is issuing private activity bonds, which are tax exempt bonds under Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to purchase this facility and another one in Pennsylvania. Under the IRC Section 147 (f)...I feel like I am in my accounting days here, Mr. Mayor...the Internal Revenue Code requires that bonds not only be approved by the governmental unit issuing them, which is the Wisconsin Finance Authority...

Mayor Perciak – That is correct.

Chairman Short - ...but also, the jurisdiction where the facility is located, which is Strongsville. Thus, we will have a public hearing tonight for this to satisfy the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. However, to be very clear, Strongsville is not guaranteeing, endorsing, issuing debt, or doing anything of that type for these bonds. We are simply, under the Internal Revenue Code approving the issuance of the bonds by the Wisconsin Finance Authority and the Kingspath Senior Ministries, which is the corporation, non-for-profit, that will be issuing these bonds through the Wisconsin Finance Authority this evening. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Are there any questions on this?

Mayor Perciak – We have zero liability on that, period. As you said, Mr. President, this is to satisfy the IRS Code.

Chairman Short – Correct.

Mr. Jamison – If I can just relate, our bond counsel esquires looked this over. In fact, he was in dialogue with the attorney that prepared this and actually made changes to it. If you look at section two of the ordinance, it clearly spells out what Gordon was just relating that we have no financial obligation at all for the issuance of these bonds. Eric and I had our bond counsel take a look at it to ensure that this does not put us in any peril financially in any way, shape, or form.

Chairman Short – Thank you, any questions on that?

Mr. Clark – Is paragraph six specifically why we as the governing body need to sign off on it?

Mr. Jamison – You mean the emergency clause?

Mr. Clark – Yes.

Mr. Jamison – Remember what the emergency clause is. That is so that could take effect immediately. If you don't get the five votes, then you would have to wait 30 days. This is time sensitive for them. They are trying to get this done. The emergency thing is really just to ensure that if you all approve it, with at least five votes, then it will take effect immediately. That's why section six is in there.

Mr. Clark – So that is not tied at all to the section 147(f)?

Mr. Jamison – No, that is part of our...it's in every ordinance. That's part of our Charter and the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Short – Again, the recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that tonight after the public hearing. Lastly, before we move to our meeting, I did ask the administration, and they were kind enough to accept my request, to sit in last week since I am chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for Transportation and Infrastructure. We did interview five firms that had put in a Request For Proposals (RFPs) for a sidewalk design plan. I think we are all in agreement that three of them were very good and qualified with a vision for designing a sidewalk plan not only for where we don't have sidewalks, but also a portion to see where we could improve and repair sidewalks as well. You should have all received a memo with those three firms. The next step will be that the administration then will enter into negotiations for a contract when one...obviously, we will start with the top firm, which was Envision Group, LLC out of Cleveland, Ohio. If an agreement is made there, that contract will come before us, hopefully, within the next few weeks.

Ms. Roff – Next time Gordon, if you don't mind since I am part that committee, letting me know.

Chairman Short – Sorry about that.

Ms. Roff – Thank you, I would appreciate that.

Chairman Short – Any other questions for caucus?

(No questions)

*****Please note – The legislation discussed above on tonight's agenda can be viewed in entirety at: https://www.strongsville.org/government/city-council/minutes-agendas by clicking on the March 16, 2026 agenda link. *****

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Gordon C. Short called the meeting to order at 7:17 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:** Gordon C. Short. Thomas M. Clark, James E. Carbone, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, James A. Kaminski, and Anthony J. Zacharyasz, Jr. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 2, 2026 were approved as submitted.

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

(None)

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Resolution No. 2026-026** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN ON BEHALF OF KINGSPATH SENIOR MINISTRIES INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Mr. Short opened the public hearing and invited anyone wishing to speak **IN FAVOR** of the Resolution to approach the podium and address Council.*

(No comments)

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

(No comments)

*Hearing no further comments in regard to this matter, Council President Short closed the Public Hearing on said Resolution.*

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff:** Thank you for your time, David Sems, as far as our meeting went.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Ms. Roff.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: – Mr. Clark:** Thank you, President Short. Just a reminder, we have our next Economic Development Committee meeting on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. We are going to visit Woodpeckers, which is at 13700 Prospect Road. As I shared at the last meeting, that is a manufacturer of precision woodworking tools. Founders and CEO Rich Hummel is going to tell us their story and give us a tour. It was founded in 1988, has grown tremendously, and is a great business partner here in our city. We want to make sure that they continue to prosper and grow. We are excited to go and visit their facility and understand what led to their success and, hopefully, encourage more businesses to have similar success in our city. Again, that is on Monday, March 30, 2026; 13700 Prospect Road at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Perciak – Excuse me, Tom. Just one more thing, you know.

Mr. Clark – Yes.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: – Mr. Clark (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak – When they relocated here, they only had the one building. They had searched in other communities when they needed to grow. Then, the building next to the them became available so we worked with them very carefully so that they can expand and grow right here in Strongsville. They actually had purchased land in another community. We are grateful that you are doing that, and we are grateful that they stayed.

Mr. Clark – Absolutely. That concludes my report, but I'll be happy to take any questions.

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Clark.

**PLANNING, ZONING & ENGINEERING – Mr. Zacharyasz:**

(No report)

Mr. Short – Thank you.

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski:** Yes, prior to the Council meeting, we had a Joint Committee meeting with Ann Roff heading up the Communications & Technology and also Public Safety and Health. A lot of robust discussion around the ReadyNotify system - we have added community alerts to that. Mr. David Sems, the Director of Communications explained how that is going to take place, and the process that he will be using to create those community alerts. I look forward to seeing those coming. We still have some process things to work on; but overall, the system is working well. Like anything, we have opportunities for improvement, so we will look forward to making those improvements. Other than that, I have no other items on the committee this evening.

Ms. Roff – Jim, if we in the future...if we can talk a little, too, about what our protocol is for emergencies; and for residents that need help when there are different natural disasters, and other disasters here in the city – having shelter...not necessarily shelter, but places to charge their phones, and ice if they don't have electricity for coolers and things like that. That's where our (unintelligible) is also meant to be. Also, if we could...I know Kelly and I had talked, too, and she is going to call a meeting just to see what our protocols are now and how we can help in the future for residents that don't have the things that they need. She had some phone calls - I did too, and I know everybody did; especially, she had one from a family that had some special needs and places...things that they needed during that time.

Mr. Kaminski – Thank you for bringing that up Ann. Actually, that's a really great point - I also received some calls. Mayor, I'm sure you know that on Webster Road we had utility poles that fell down.

Mayor – Four.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd):** Yes, four utility poles that fell down. They had crossed people's...not just the roads, but the driveways and the aprons – they were unable to get out. We did have some elderly people that were concerned, obviously – how many days is it going to be? They couldn't get family in or out, so they had multiple questions. I had called Chief Draves and he was very, very kind. He actually went over and talked with the residents, which was fantastic. If they needed to get in there, he would have found a way to get in there to help them, but he was able to address all of the needs. He went to about three or four homes over there. I also sent some messaging to First Energy and told them the situation we had. They actually got a crew out immediately – they prioritized Webster Road. They had a crew out there, and it was pretty incredible. Within Sunday evening, I believe, they had Webster Road open, and everybody had power back on.

Mayor Perciak – Actually, late Saturday night.

Mr. Kaminski – Yes, late Saturday. It was really incredible to see the reaction that I had from the chief. Yes, there are concerns about different safety issues and when to use the recreation center and how to use it. I did also receive some of those calls as well about those concerns.

Mayor Perciak – Ladies and gentleman, just so that we are clear, the fire department under Chief Draves and our police department under Chief O'Deens, were extremely busy on Friday and Saturday. Pearl Road, there is no way that anybody could anticipate what happened on Pearl Road with wires coming down and poles coming down right during rush hour; especially, the one right here in front of Bucci's J Bella - even Sunday evening, the one on Pierce Drive. Not to mention what happened in your ward. We are grateful to CEI (First Energy) for being as responsive as they were. Those of you who actually live in the communities where we have all of the underground wiring and things, you can see that they have been maintaining and working in those subdivisions – even replacing boxes from there. They are responsive to our community, but when you have the type of disaster you had here, or the storm you had on Friday evening into Saturday, there are only so many people that they have. Our men and women here, they worked...they were out there with the public and doing what they needed to do. We had some very ticklish situations. When you are in a situation like that, you have to take care of the crisis that's at hand and that what you are dealing with. I think both of our departments did a fantastic job in dealing with what they had to deal with at the time. Really, I thanked them – I thanked them this morning at our staff meeting. The men and women both did a fantastic job.

Mr. Kaminski – I agree. I think the questions were more around, "What is available at the recreation center, and how do we get there if we need to?" Those were more of the questions, and I totally agree.

Mayor Perciak – And again, this is the meeting that has to happen with Chief Draves, the deputy chief, Chief O'Deens, the deputy chief of police, and our safety director if you want to have your committee meeting, and then, they can lead us as to where we need to go on this.

Ms. Roff – How do we help them, though, get the information that we are getting from residents? They don't get that all the time. There could be small things like they just need somewhere to....

Mayor Perciak – Let me answer that.

Ms. Roff – Can I finish?

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak – Let me answer that.

Ms. Roff – Please, can I finish?

Mayor Perciak – Sure you can.

Ms. Roff – Thank you. They just want somewhere to maybe be able to charge their phones, or somewhere to get ice for coolers, or somewhere to be that's not dark. These are simple things....

Mayor Perciak – Ann, I'm not going to answer that.

Ms. Roff - ...wait, wait, wait.

Mayor Perciak – I'm not going to answer that because I don't know.

Ms. Roff – These are simple things that are not necessarily safety forces should have to tackle care of. Maybe we need to involve Bryan Bogre in this, or who ever we can, or all of us on City Council – this is our job. This is what we are here for.

Mr. Short – I think this would be good for a committee...for maybe Public Safety and Health Committee and maybe Ms. Kosek – for Public Service and Conservation.

Ms. Roff – Wait...Anthony has some stuff too.

Mr. Zacharyasz – Well, I am kind of echoing a little bit, but those procedures and protocols—in talking with a few folks and learning all of this as being the newest member here of what it takes—but the stuff with the Red Cross. I don't know...entities like Southwest General Hospital. Mayor, if there is anything that you would like to add, into that, as to what they may be able to provide in the future?

Mayor Perciak – Well, the Red Cross in the past has always stepped up when we've had critical situations. They have helped find shelter for people who need it. Plus, we had on Friday, was the weather. Even though it was storming, raining, and the wind was blowing, it wasn't below zero. It wasn't where people couldn't bundle up and stay sheltered in their own homes, or wherever. Most of the time, in situations like that, from the experience that our police and fire have told me time and time again, people usually find a place to go. Now, Ann in fairness to you, nobody asked me about charging phones. That is something we have not addressed.

Ms. Roff – In all fairness, Mayor, if this was this time last year, I would need somewhere to breathe.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, but what you see....

Ms. Roff – And not necessarily do I have...most of my friends and family were out of electricity also, so I need somewhere to breathe. I need somewhere to put in my oxygen plug. That is what I am talking about. Chief Draves...God bless them because they were out there...the police and our fire safety were out there non-stop. We are getting the phone calls from down on the ground. Like when they say boots on the ground, we are voices on the ground.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd):**

Ms. Roff (cont'd) - We need somewhere for people to be, that don't necessarily have family or friends that have electricity. There were a lot of people out. If it was this time last year, I would have been in trouble.

Mr. Carbone – I think we've seen...we've been through this before. It's not our first time, but we are always learning. I think this is a good opportunity to take what happened the last couple of days, and really dive into what usage we can get for certain people in our community. The recreation center is the peoples' recreation center. We all put our taxes into that. I spoke with a family today, and just thinking about it, and Anthony, they had said they talked to you as well, they said that you were very compassionate, and they loved talking to you. The woman there...the mom said, "Look, we are going to figure this out. We are just thankful everybody is safe, but my kids are going to school when everybody else's power is on." It kind of...just as we're discussing this, I thought well could we use our recreation center, how we would use it, and what that process would be just to have that family go in there. They probably haven't had a shower in a couple days – maybe just to utilize that. There is a lot we can learn from this. I agree with the Mayor, I think...and I agree with Gordon, maybe at another time having the appropriate people here. Look, we all want the same thing. We are going to get there, and we can grow from this.

Mr. Short – Again, for Public Safety and Health and Recreation and Community Services, we can call a committee meeting and discuss this with the chiefs and see when it is appropriate, too. This was obviously a massive windstorm that took out a lot of electricity and things happen. Also too, what levels, how critical and that type of thing - good suggestions. I think we can carry this conversation in the future there for the next one. Councilman Carbone will learn from it and call a committee meeting and see what we can come up with a better plan for next time.

Mr. Kaminski – I will be happy to work with Kelly if you would like.

Ms. Kosek – I haven't said anything because I am about to be called on. If you guys just wait until I get to my committee, I'll...

Mr. Kaminski – Perfect.

Mr. Short – Any other questions there for Mr. Kaminski?

(No questions)

**PUBLIC SERVICE & CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek:** Thank you, we have one resolution tonight. We have Resolution No. 2026-022; this would be to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for the purchase of payment services for our program in 2026. As I mentioned during caucus, all of our residents look forward to having road repair. I urge us all to vote yes to suspend and adopt so that we can start that process of pavement. That's all I have for Public Service and Conservation.

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

**RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek:** For Recreation and Community Services, I was going to say that we will have a committee meeting at the end of April either before our April 20th Council meeting, or somewhere in those last two weeks. I will circulate some dates that will work for everyone. I'm happy to coordinate that to the extent it should be public service, but I had envisioned that we would talk about some things regarding the improvements that are going on at the recreation center, and anything that we might be able to do to help with utilizing all of our new space to make sure that it is being utilized in the best way that we can. Also, to talk about how we might be able to leverage the community resource of the recreation center to help people when there are certain levels of emergencies. Let's all put our thinking caps on for that meeting, but I will get something out for the...like I said, the second half of April was my plan. Hopefully, that works for everyone and we will be moving forward with that. Good conversation and I will be happy to get an action plan together on that. That is all I have; unless anybody has any questions.

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Ms. Kosek.

**BUILDING & UTILITIES – Mr. Carbone:** I have nothing on the agenda this evening, but obviously, there was a lot that took place over the last several days with the utilities and First Energy. I know that we still have roughly 408 customers still out. Just to give you a little bit...I have to thank Mr. Kaminski, in my absence, helped me put some stuff together. There is just under 39,000 customers in Strongsville to First Energy. We had 2,200 outages over the last several days – 408 customers...I hate saying customers...408 of our residents, still don't have power. It approximately represents about 1% of our community. I will have to say, our men and women first and foremost, they did what we are used them doing – stepping up and going above and beyond when our community needs them the most, which they did. I also think First Energy pulled the resources - correct me If I am wrong - not only within the state, but out of the state to work on some of these troubled areas. They have been working diligently, they have been working around the clock, and they are doing everything within their power to restore this electricity to our residents here. They have a lot of crews out, and they still have the crews out. The mission has not changed, but there are some challenges in different areas. We know that they are doing everything they can. I can tell you that I received a lot of calls. A lot of the calls I got kind of changes when you go from ward to at-large. Typically, a lot of the residents go to the ward Councilman first, but I can tell you that our ward Council people and our at-large have been on top of answering these calls. One thing that I like hearing is, "They are very compassionate." I have to say to all my fellow Council that I am very proud of the efforts that you guys are doing. We are well aware that, on Pearl Road, we still have about 56 customers out. On Eastland Road, Fox Drive, and Woodhurst Drive, there's about 40 customers. On Lanier Ave., and Huntington Meadows, there's about 16 customers - our heart goes out. We are going to continue to improve on how we can respond to these issues when they come up. I think to this point, the response has been phenomenal, but we are always looking to improve. We are committed to doing that.

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

**BUILDING & UTILITIES – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):**

Mr. Clark – Before you move on to the school board, just one request. I agree with everything that you said. I spoke to a lot of residents, as well, and I agree that the response was strong and good. What you said about that it could always be better and people experience what they experience. If, on average, it was back on in 8 hours, great, but if I am on a CPAP machine and my power is out for four days, that's very problematic. Or, if I have a baby that needs...you are used to that baby going to sleep in some motorized mechanical device or something. I would just ask...I know I asked you before, but just so that the residents understand, I would request that we have a committee meeting for Building and Utilities and invite our liaisons and prioritize...invite each of the utilities over the course of the year, but prioritize the electric company and our liaison there to increase awareness between us and them, and understanding - and through that, improve to exactly what you said. How do we raise the standards? It was a good response from them and that's the message, but there is always opportunities for continuous improvement. If we could prioritize the electric company – our utility partners from that – to be at an upcoming committee meeting for Build and Utilities.

Mr. Carbone – Absolutely.

Mr. Clark – Thank you.

Mr. Carbone – We are already...thanks for bringing that up. I forgot to mention that. We are already in the process of making that happen. Especially with our new Council person here, I thought it would be a good opportunity for Anthony to get a firsthand look at the resources they have in person. Also, their response is their response. When it comes to some of the issues that were brought up with our residents, that is on us. How can we provide services above and beyond in these unique situations? Nobody knew this was going to happen, but we have to respond quickly. I think, again, collaborating and having these conversations and having the appropriate people here, we are going to be better and we are going to be ready and have more resources. Hopefully, this never happens again, but the reality is that it very well likely could. We are going to be better prepared. I'm not saying that we were not this time, but we are going to have maybe some more options in the future.

Ms. Roff – Thank you, Jim. I do have to say too, I think Anthony got a hold of him also, but a representative from The Illuminating Company did a great job as far as calling me back and trying to help me the best that he can. Like you said, the bottom line is that we have to figure out what we could do when there is no option for them to give an instant solution for what is going on.

Ms. Kosek – All I wanted to say is that I agree that the response overall was very strong. There were certainly folks who are still without and people who had power out longer than they would have liked. I think this underscores the resolution that we did earlier this year where we said, "It is not acceptable for power to be out longer than it already is." We heard from the residents that they don't want their power out for very long. I think it just underscores that, that was being responsive to the residents. I want to thank everybody for supporting that when we did. Hopefully...I have not heard that there is anything more going on with that. Hopefully, that one is dead, but I guess we will find out. It's incidents like this where people are struggling. Frankly, it was over the weekend, which can be worse because you don't have work to go to, and you don't have school to go to, so you are stuck at your house.

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

**BUILDING & UTILITIES – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):**

Ms. Kosek (cont'd) - Certainly, improving to the point where we can get things so that people have support and have things back on sooner is the best that we could do. Thank you to all of our folks here both in safety and also the power company for doing what they can do to get people back online. Hopefully, the last 500 people or so will get back on sooner. Maybe we should be following up a little bit with them to see where we are at because what are they going on like four days? That's really bad.

Mr. Clark – Yes, four days. The current update for most of them…the last notification I got was 11:00 p.m. tonight. They have heard that before so they are a little concerned that they may not be reality.

Mr. Carbone – They get the update at 8:00 p.m., but the last couple of nights have 11:00 p.m., then they don't hear anything, and they don't get anything until 8:00 p.m. the next day.

Ms. Roff – It's not always accurate.

Mr. Short – Mr. Carbone, we are going to move onto school board, but do you have any final thoughts?

Mr. Kaminski – I have one quick issue. There was a lot of wind damage to the building on the corner of Webster Road and Royalton Road – that's that old car repair place. We had the lady that was doing the barbeque there on the corner, she moved to Pearl Road. That has a lot of damage over there. It already was a building that had quite a bit of damage. If we could look into that, or have Ted look into that building in particular; especially before they go to release it. I would appreciate any help there, for sure, on that property. I'm getting a lot of calls on that.

Mr. Carbone – I got some calls there, too. With the storm being new and everything, we gave…I put a call into one of the gentlemen on the sign there just to make them aware. So, give them a couple of days and then…

Mayor Perciak – I'll make sure our guys are out there tomorrow.

Mr. Carbone – Doesn't appear to be a safety issue.

Mayor Perciak – I was with them this morning, and I spoke with them this afternoon over other issues, but that subject did not come up. I will talk to Ted tomorrow.

Mr. Kaminski – Perfect, I will be happy to share pictures.

Mayor Perciak – No, these guys are very capable. They will go out there.

Mr. Zacharyasz – One last thing – thank you to our service department, too. I know there are a lot of thank-yous' going around, but Mike Gallagher and his staff did a great job on Fair Road over by me today restoring some of my neighbor's power. In the meantime, we still stayed dark where I'm at.

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

**BUILDING & UTILITIES – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak – The chipper is out there. The guys are out - they were out all weekend long working, picking up, and doing whatever we have to do.

Ms. Roff – So Mayor, can they put stuff out front?

Mayor Perciak – We are doing it, as a matter of fact, because of the storm. Now, that is not our normal procedure, but if there is a storm...

Ms. Roff – It used to be our norm, but now the residents can throw, or put things out there for them?

Mayor Perciak – What they really should do is call the service department and let them know because we would like to get the stuff before it blows away again.

Mr. Short – Right.

Ms. Roff – Absolutely. Thank you, Mayor, so much too, for putting them out there.

Mayor Perciak – Yes.

Ms. Roff – I appreciate that.

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:** We are wrapping up our winter athletics, and I want to give a shout-out to some state qualifiers: Laura Pozsonyi for the gymnastic team and state bar champion, Hannah Jicha for indoor track and field champion - one mile, and Michael Rusinko a state placer in wrestling. Also, our wind ensemble and symphonic band also both qualified for state. Our Mustangs for a Cure wrapped up their leukemia and lymphoma campaign, and they raised $218,000.00.

Mr. Short – It had to be a record I imagine for us.

Mr. Clark – It was a record for Strongsville. Their goal, which was audacious, was $150,000.00, and they blew that out of the water.

Ms. Roff – And who's daughter was part of that?

Mr. Clark – A lot of peoples'. I think fifteen people's daughters were part of that.

Ms. Roff – But who else's? Come on, give her a little plug.

Mr. Clark – Well, mine was part of it, but there was a great team.

Ms. Roff – There was a big team, yes.

Mr. Clark – Anna Placeway, Emily Polo and Eric Dubsky were the three leaders that represented our community very well.

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

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

Mr. Carbone – Look, that's an amazing job. We've had some rockstar students in the past take that on. It is...I know everybody over the last couple of years, it's life changing. They did a spectacular job. Just to kind of give you $218,000.00, this is the first team to ever even surpass $100,000.00, so unbelievable job. Spring break is coming up on April 3rd to April 10th. If you see some kinds out and about, that is why. Lastly, this evening, the school administration and board are urging you to come visit one of their elementary schools. The district is giving the community an opportunity to look inside the facility and learn more details about the proposed bond issue that is going to be on the ballot here in May. Just to give you the elementary school dates and times: Chapman Elementary is this Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Muraski Elementary is Thursday, March 19, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Kinsner Elementary is Monday, March 23, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Surrarrer Elementary is Tuesday, March 24, 2026, and Whitney Elementary is Monday, March 30, 2026. All of them are from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., so they encourage you. One thing that they have learned through some of the surveys and getting out in the community is that this is what the community was requesting. They wanted more transparency and they wanted to be informed more. This is a neat way to welcome you into their elementary schools where there is not a lot of opportunity, and see first hand some of the things that they are concerned with on some of the buildings. That ends my report.

Mr. Clark – One comment. You made the suggestion, Jim, earlier - that would be a great time for us to market this material as our community comes to each of our elementary schools. It's just one more easy path to get communication improvement to that point.

Mr. Kaminski – Actually, that was Anthony, but it's a great idea. I will take them to Whitney Elementary if you guys take them to your local (school).

Ms. Roff – If we can get some, I'll take them to Chapman Elementary, too, Wednesday.

Mr. Clark – You know what, I would be remiss not to say, but the last meeting under the school board I had a lot of information to share. One thing that I really wanted to so is to give a shout-out to all the parents and administrators for this year's PTA Founders Day. They are the heart and soul of the district and go above and beyond. They did a rockstar of a job. I was proud to be a part of the ceremony there. This is going back to February honoring these men and women. Just a big thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the things they do for all their respective schools. That ends my report.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Carbone.

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

(No report)

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

**FINANCE – Mr. Short:** We have one ordinance tonight. Ordinance No. 2026-023; this deals with updating the appropriations ordinance for Strongsville City expenses for the fiscal year 2026. The total increase...the total change to the net increase of $2,113,325.00. The material changes in that is $1,675,00.00 for an increase in the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund for unspent Capital Note project funds. For the renovation and replacement of the pirate ship and slide at the aquatic center at the recreation center, elevator upgrade and repairs, along with replacing of doors and entryways throughout the building. An increase of $240,200.00 in the Drainage Levy Fund for the Westwood Culvert project. To note, of the $846,000.00 original estimate, $500,000.00 is being paid for by the Northeast Ohio Sewer Districts Community Cost-Share program. An increase of $164,450.00 in the MPC Fund related to the recreation center. This relates to an increase in staffing requested by the recreation director for building maintenance and Town Center Park maintenance crews. Then, the last material change is a net decrease of $106,495.00 into the Earned Benefits Fund for the Southwest Dispatch Fund and the General Fund. This relates to the final payments for sick time and the transfer of employees to the new CVD dispatch. This is actually a lower cost than budgeted, so that fund will be closed and zeroed out since that is no longer part of the city. Any questions on that finance ordinance?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Short:** We have two ordinances and a resolution this evening. The first is Ordinance No. 2026-024; this is to amend the Code to change our meeting times now to a 7:30 p.m. start. Our recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Ordinance No. 2026-025 relates to an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a new lease agreement with the Board of Trustees for the Cuyahoga County Public Library system for the lease of the building across the street for a ten-year agreement. As discussed in caucus, we will place that on first reading and potentially have a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss that contract before we vote upon it. Lastly, is Resolution No. 2026-026, which we had a public hearing this evening on, which is the issuance, by the Kingspath Senior Ministries, for bonds under the Public Finance Authority of the State of Wisconsin to purchase the Southwest Commons Nursing Home on Pearl Road here in the City of Strongsville. Again, we need to, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to just approve the issuance of those bonds. The city is not responsible for any of the proceeds, any of the issuance or the guaranteeing of the debt, or any liability associated with those bonds. We are merely approving that under the Internal Revenue Code as required by that tax act back in 1986. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that this evening. Are there any questions on that?

(No questions)

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

Mayor Perciak – Thank you, Mr. President. Just a quick thank you, again, to our safety forces for this weekend, and to our service department for just doing a super job in helping clean up the city quickly. Thank you, especially, to Chief Draves for actually going out and visiting residents in homes and our police officers in the homes. The men and women did a fantastic job, so from the bottom of my heart, I say thank you to them on behalf of all the residents. Lastly, in a few weeks we celebrate Easter. I just want to wish everyone a blessed Easter because we won't meet until then. To everyone a blessed Easter and a safe spring vacation.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

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

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

Mr. Short - Thank you.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Bonnie Thoennes, 9407 Brushwood Lane, Strongsville, OH 44136: My name is Bonnie Theonnes, I live at 9407 Brushwood Lane. Good evening, Mayor and everybody here and the City Council. It's not easy for me to come here and say things that nobody wants to hear. Everybody wants to hear about the wonderful things that are happening in the city and the great schools that we have, but nobody wants to address the struggle that many long-term senior residents on fixed incomes are facing due to constant property tax increases. One would think that because the levy did not pass, every resident received a tax credit, but that is not so. I know that and I have been told that it's not the city problem. It seems like it's nobody's problem but someone has to get involved and someone needs to do something about it. Here, I provided some examples for you. Properties that I printed, but there are thousands more. I just...so if we look at example number one, example number one, we have a resident that lives on Saddlebrook Lane, and then we have a residence that lives on West 130th street. The resident on Saddlebrook Lane, has a 5,765 square foot home, and 25...let me read that. A well-to-do Saddlebrook Lane resident in a 5,765 square foot home, with a 2,500 square foot basement, six bathrooms, three-car garage had a large reduction equal to $5,688.00 - divide that by eight years. I commuted that from 2017 because that's where the three biggest increases happened and the residents have a problem with paying property taxes. I did extensive research on that. For eight years was a $711.00 reduction that the resident got. Then, we have a resident on West 130th, a 96 year-old senior resident living in an 828 square foot home with no basement, one bathroom, and a two-car detached garage paid $6,279.00 and that is with the home exemption. That means this resident paid $7,000.00 more in property taxes. Divide that for eight years, that is $787.00 a year. Now, that resident...that older resident, probably gets $300.00 a year – that's all he gets. If you look at the column...the bottom column left, it is a simulation. If the same property value increases, it would be applied to well-to-do residents. That resident would have over $8,000.00 increase in property taxes since 2017 – 2025. We pay over $41,000.00 more. Does anyone think that this would happen? No, because that resident would be hiring lawyers and appraisers to get that reduced.

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

Ms. Thoennes (cont'd) - A 96 year-old resident has no means and no strength to fight the system and there is no one to help them. The system is very unfair and nobody is willing to look into it and fix it. No one...no resident that is living in a 1953 home should be paying that much of an increase. That resident already paid for the first set of schools...school buildings, and supported five generations of students, and yet it asks to give more. This resident has no more to give. He is actually going to lose his home. The year 2021, was the tipping point. The bond levy is $120.00. The operational levy will be $315.00. It is impossible for him, and other residents like him, to absorb it. That is another $1,000.00 to give and it is going to happen in just one year. With this bond levy, this 96 year-old resident with a $7,000.00 increase and with an operational levy will pay $10,000.00. That's a lot more than the resident on Saddlebrook Lane. That one actually has a credit. I provided other examples for you. In there, there is a 100 year-old lady that is the same way. I also would like to say that I have people approaching me because I speak about it, or I question things. People are approaching me saying that I should vote for the levy. Just for everybody here and everybody whoever listens, I did vote for the renewal levy. I am going to vote for the bond levy. Not because I agree with everything that the Board of Education approved because I didn't...I don't agree, but it's because we have kids in trailers. This district is really in trouble and we do have to look at the finances and see what we can do. We can't be increasing to 4.5%, and 5% every year where people only get 3%. These old residents have no chance to even survive in this community.

Ms. Pientka – Five minutes, Mr. President.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Sharon Bennett, 16456 Georgetown Ct, Strongsville, OH 44136: Hello, my name is Sharon Bennett and I have the dubious honor of having been elected president of the Lexington Colony Homeowners' Association.

Mr. Short – Ms. Bennett, can you say your address for the record please?

Ms. Bennett – Yes, I live on Georgetown Court; 146456 (meant to say 16456) Georgetown Court, which is a Homeowners' Association in High Point. There are a lot of them in there – we have 15 residents. We have not had our street plowed by the city for the last two years. I am brand new as president, and I am told that they have complained. I talked to Ann – you're alive. She called me back and she was barely able to speak. Anyway, I understand when we have these huge problems that we've had. What, three times this year where nobody could get out because of all the snowplowing. I understand we were neglected, but when Saratoga Trail was clean and totally dry, Drake Road was totally dry, Pearl Road, and Royalton Road and everybody is dry, we still had two inches of ice and snow accumulating. Our snow plow people come and they have to plow, they tell me free, but I'm not sure about that, but they have to plow into our street to get to our driveways. I'm the new president, and I'm not going to be quiet. You probably wonder why I am coming tonight - Hopefully, we are done with the snow - because I want something to be done and planned for next year. Is that it?

Mr. Short – That's all, thank you.

Ms. Roff – If you have more, you can. It was marked and noted, too. Just so you know, I did talk with them.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2026-022** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GENERAL PAVEMENT SERVICES FOR 2026 TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Clark 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. Clark, second by Ms. Roff.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-022 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2026-023** by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-130, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Clark 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. Clark, second by Ms. Roff.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-023 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2026-024** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 220.01 AND 220.03(a) OF CHAPTER 220 OF TITLE FOUR OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Clark 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. Clark, second by Ms. Roff.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-024 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2026-025** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.***

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

**Resolution No. 2026-026** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN ON BEHALF OF KINGSPATH SENIOR MINISTRIES INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Clark 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. Clark, second by Ms. Roff.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-026 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

*Application for Permit: **NEW – D-5I** To: Shinto, LLC Pearl Road; 17070 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 03/28/2026).*

***There were no objections to this permit.***

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Gordon C. Short adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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