

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, APRIL 6, 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, April 6, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Gordon C. Short, Thomas M. Clark, James E. Carbone, 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.

Absent: Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek, and Councilwoman Annmarie P. Roff.

Council President Gordon C. Short called the caucus to order at 7:28 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee:

Chairman Zacharyasz – Yes, bear with me tonight – I have seven items to report. First up, is Ordinance No. 2026-027, which will repeal existing Chapter 1248 the Board of Zoning Appeals in its entirety and enact a new Chapter 1248 for the Board of Zoning of the city's Codified Ordinances. The recommendation tonight is to place it on first reading and refer to the Planning Commission. Neal, is there anything you would like to clarify, or add to that?

Mr. Jamison – No.

Chairman Zacharyasz – Second, is Ordinance No. 2026-028, which is changing the zoning classification of certain property located at 17963 Marks Road from GI-A (General Industrial-A) to RTC (Townhouse Cluster). The recommendation tonight is that we will place it on first reading and refer to the Planning Commission as well. Next two ordinances: Ordinance Nos. 2026-029 and 2026-030 go together. First up, is Ordinance No. 2026-029, which is to dedicate to public use certain lands within the Parkridge Crossing Subdivision No. 3. Ordinance No. 2026-030 is to accept a grant of easement from Parkridge Investments, LLC for storm sewer system purposes in connection with the Parkridge Crossing Subdivision No. 3. The recommendation for both of those ordinances tonight is to suspend and adopt. Next, is Ordinance No. 2026-031; this is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Denes Concrete Inc. for improvements to various streets in the city in connection with the 2026 Pavement Reconstruction program. The contract will not exceed \$1,085,004.00. The streets included in this specific ordinance are: Glencreek Lane, Falling Leaves Road, Park Lane Drive, and Woodshire Drive. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt.

Mayor Perciak – Anthony, just for the record, they were the lowest bidder.

Mr. Zacharyasz – Yes. Yes, sir. Thank you. Sixth, is Ordinance No. 2026-032; this is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with TK Excavating & Grading, LLC for the Westwood Drive Culvert Replacement project. This contract will not exceed \$814,942.54. The city will be receiving \$500,000.00 from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and the rest will be paid from the Drainage Levy Fund. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt. Mayor, or Neal, is there any timeline given when this project will begin?

Mr. Jamison – Not that I am aware of.

Mr. Zacharyasz - Okay, thank you. Last, is Resolution No. 2026-033; this authorizes the Mayor to advertise for the bids for Beech Creek Trail and Brookstone Way Waterline Replacement project. The project consists of the restoration of pavement, catch basins, and landscaping. These two streets are also part of the 2026 Pavement Reconstruction program as well, but of course, different bids here due to this one having water and sewage involved. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt. Neal, is there is anything to add with that one?

Mr. Jamison – No.

Mr. Zacharyasz – Alright, that concludes my report.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Zacharyasz. Any questions for Mr. Zacharyasz?

(No questions)

Recreation & Community Services Committee:

Mr. Short – We will move to Recreation and Community Services Committee. I will do that report in the absence of Ms. Kosek tonight. There are two ordinances on tonight's agenda. Ordinance No. 2026-034, which deals with authorizing the Mayor to enter into a non-exclusive rental agreement with the Great Lakes Baseball League on a limited basis for the 2026 season for the use of the various baseball fields in the city. Ordinance No. 2026-035 is also for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Greater Cleveland Senior Softball League for 2026 for use of the various baseball fields in the city. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that tonight. Any questions?

Mayor Perciak – Come and watch some of those games - you qualify now.

(Laughter)

Mr. Short – Hey, just barely. (Laughter) Any questions on that?

Committee of the Whole Committee:

Chairman Short – We have one resolution tonight. Resolution No. 2026-036; this is to allow the administration to enter into the terms of the opioid epidemic litigation with six of the defendants in a settlement. With those defendants, Neal, is there any color around that? Do we know what the settlements are and...?

Mr. Jamison – No, I don't. They don't give you numbers when this takes place. I think these are like the last six remaining. It should, hopefully, bring this to a close. There might be one or two left out there, but we don't get numbers when this all happens.

Chairman Short – I got you.

Mr. Jamison – They will come in...we will get payments like quarterly or biannually.

Chairman Short – Okay. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt so we can agree to that settlement. Any questions on that?

(No questions)

Motion made by Mr. Short, second by Mr. Clark to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 24, 2026. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Chairman Short – Lastly, before we move to our meeting - Public Safety and Health Committee Mr. Kaminski.

Public Safety & Health Committee:

Chairman Kaminski – I have nothing on the agenda. Do I have one on there?

Mr. Short – You just have to make the motion. Oh yes, Tom was going to actually do that.

Motion made by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski to approve the joint meeting minutes of the Public Safety & Health Committee and the Communications & Technology Committee of March 16, 2026. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

*****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 April 6, 2026 agenda link. *****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Gordon C. Short called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, 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.

Absent: Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek, and Councilwoman Annmarie P. Roff.

Motion made by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski to excuse Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski to excuse Councilwoman Annmarie P. Roff for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 16, 2026 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: – Mr. Clark: Thank you, President Short. We did have a recent Economic Development Committee meeting last Monday, March 30th. The Economic Development Committee visited a business here in Strongsville on Prospect Road – Woodpeckers. Their Founder and CEO, Rich Hummel gave us a great tour – what an awesome building and what an awesome business. There is a lot going on inside that building on Prospect Road; and every function of his business is humming along. He has a lot of folks that he brought in, and they started working in the operation. There was one individual that he bragged about that had a clear and positive impact across three different departments and it has all developed from within a female that is doing great things leading in his supply chain now. She has had a positive impact on three different departments. They have basically a T.V. station in there and they are growing their business with a team of marketing folks that are working right here in Strongsville. It is really impressive. They are leasing some space in a building next to them, so they are growing right here in Strongsville. That is a business that we wanted to make sure that could keep. They had an opportunity to leave Strongsville and we are so glad that they were able to grow right here in our community. I thank everybody from the Economic Development Committee that could go there and see, know, act together and listen. We just want to continue to be a good community partner for these types of growing businesses. They are employing over 100 people right now and at peak times they grow even more. It's a great business to have and a second generation. His son is working in the business, so hopefully, it stays a wonderful business here in our community for a long time to come. I'm still working on the details for our upcoming Economic Development Committee meeting, but I will share details at a future...most likely at the next Council meeting. That concludes my report; unless there are any questions.

Mr. Kaminski – No, I just want to echo how impressive that tour was. Thanks to the Mayor, Brent, and yourself for setting that up. I will tell you; it was very impressive. You can see the quality that they put into everything they make. The process they have is really unlike anything I have seen, so, great tour.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: – Mr. Clark:

Mr. Clark – I think the most impressive thing is the founder and CEO – that's the case. He has a passion for his business and he knows how every piece of equipment in that facility works, he knows what all his folks are doing. It's great to know that his son is in the business of being groomed up - it was quite impressive, but thank you.

Mr. Kaminski – When you pass that building, you would never realize everything that goes on there. It is...

Mayor Perciak – One more thing, gentlemen. The expansion that is coming and the option that he has in the building next door. Really, he is growing in leaps and bounds. We are glad that we are a part of that and are able to assist him and make a lot of those things come true.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Clark. Are there any further questions?

(No questions)

PLANNING, ZONING & ENGINEERING – Mr. Zacharyasz: Thank you, Mr. President. Tonight, I have seven items to report. First up, is Ordinance No. 2026-027, which will repeal existing Chapter 1248 the Board of Zoning Appeals in its entirety and enact a new Chapter 1248 for the Board of Zoning of the city's Codified Ordinances. The recommendation tonight is to place it on first reading and refer to the Planning Commission. Second, is Ordinance No. 2026-028, which is changing the zoning classification of certain property located at 17963 Marks Road from GI-A (General Industrial-A) to RTC (Townhouse Cluster). The recommendation is to place that on first reading and refer it to the Planning Commission as well. Next, are Ordinance Nos. 2026-029 and 2026-030, which go together. First up, is Ordinance No. 2026-029, which is to dedicate to public use certain lands within the Parkridge Crossing Subdivision No. 3. Ordinance No. 2026-030 is to accept a grant of easement from Parkridge Investments, LLC for storm sewer system purposes in connection with the Parkridge Crossing Subdivision No. 3. The recommendation for both of those ordinances tonight is to suspend and adopt. Next, is Ordinance No. 2026-031; this is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Denes Concrete Inc. for improvements to various streets in the city in connection with the 2026 Pavement Reconstruction program. The contract will not exceed \$1,085,004.00. The streets included in this are: Glencreek Lane, Falling Leaves Road, Park Lane Drive, and Woodshire Drive. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt. Sixth, is Ordinance No. 2026-032; this is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with TK Excavating & Grading, LLC for the Westwood Drive Culvert Replacement project. This contract will not exceed \$814,942.54. The city will be receiving \$500,000.00 from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District with them being paid from the Drainage Levy Fund. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt. Last, and certainly not least, is Resolution No. 2026-033; this authorizes the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Beech Creek Trail and Brookstone Way Waterline Replacement project. The project consists of the restoration of pavement, catch basins, and landscaping. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt. That concludes my report, but I will be happy to take any questions.

Mr. Short – Any questions for Mr. Zacharyasz?

(No questions)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING & ENGINEERING – Mr. Zacharyasz (cont'd):

Mr. Short – Thank you, sir. You had a lot in your committee today.

Mr. Zacharyasz – I went from nothing to a lot.

Mr. Short – A lot happens in Planning, Zoning and Engineering.

Mr. Zacharyasz – Thank you.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski:

(No report)

PUBLIC SERVICE & CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek:

(No report)

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek:

Mr. Short – Two ordinances tonight: Ordinance No. 2026-034 is to allow the city to enter into an agreement with the Greatlakes Baseball League for a limited basis in 2026 for the use of the baseball fields. Ordinance No. 2026-035 is with the Greater Cleveland Senior Softball league as well for 2026 to use the baseball fields. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt those this evening. Any questions on that?

(No questions)

BUILDING & UTILITIES – Mr. Carbone: Yes, we had a Building & Utilities Committee meeting today where we had Genny Costanzo from NOPEC – the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council. She had a lot of information and very informative options for our residents. Currently, we have just over 20,000 residents that are partnered with NOPEC. My recommendation is to constantly look at those electric and gas bills and always reach out to NOPEC to see if that could be a benefit to your energy...your electric and gas bills for efficiency, and to save you some money at home. We are going to be putting some stuff out too, as far as her contact and who you can contact through NOPEC to see if there is a savings in energy efficiency there.

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Also, with the school board, since our last Council meeting, there was a school board meeting and a workshop session. Business Director, Steve Brickner talked about a trial that is coming to a completion with tablets with their busses. He talked about how that technology could potentially create some efficiencies. It could be safer for the routes, the drivers, and ultimately the kids. Really, the efficiency to save money. There is a cost that he did go to the board to recommend moving forward for tablets for all busses. Again, they want to do their due diligence, especially with the forecast with their budget and where they could be with that in the future. Also at the board meeting, the superintendent announced this year's finalist for the Distinguished Alumni. I'm proud to present Jim Kaminski as being one of them that is the 2026 Distinguished Alumni for Strongsville schools. Lastly this evening, there is going to be a Community Town Hall meeting at the middle school on April 14, 2026. This is to learn more about the bond issue that is going to be on the ballot here in May. That ends my report, thank you.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Carbone. Any questions for Mr. Carbone?

(No questions)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: We did have a board meeting last week. A couple of things to highlight: Southwest General Hospital is a tax-exempt not-for-profit hospital, but with that tax-exempt status comes certain responsibilities. Under the Internal Revenue Code, one of those is community benefit, which requires them to complete a community health needs assessment; but also, to provide written financial assistance policies and to comply with, and provide services for those less fortunate. In 2025, and this is a very interesting fact, with the Medicaid Shortfall, when Medicaid didn't cover all of the costs associated with Medicaid patients...charity care, health improvement/education, and subsidized health services, the hospital spent \$26,500,000.00, or 6% of operating expenses on, basically, charitable care. That is before the Medicare Shortfall of providing services to patients with Medicare insurance that Medicare did not cover – that totaled under \$50,000,000.00. An addition of \$5,000,000.00 of bad debt on top of that from patients who did not fully cover their bills. In all, you are looking at about \$86...almost \$87,000,000.00 of charity care provided by the hospital system. It is a great asset and it is truly living up to its not-for-profit status as a hospital serving the needs of its communities. Also, just as well to highlight, UH...it is associated with University Hospitals - UH has begun providing maternal fetal medicine services on site through a mobile unit. It has been given access to specialized prenatal care for patients within the community as well. It is an addition to the Cosgrove Maternity Center, there, that continues to birth a lot of children in our city and in our area – that's where my two kids were born. With that, any questions about the Southwest General Health System?

(No questions)

FINANCE – Mr. Short: We have no ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda; however, we are going to delay and reschedule the upcoming Finance Committee meeting that was supposed to be scheduled before our next Council meeting. As you know, April 15th is Tax Day, so we are going to wait for some final numbers from RITA. Also, the administration is exploring and looking at possibilities should the property tax referendum become a ballot issue in November—specifically, the potential consequences to the City of Strongsville should the voters of the State of Ohio, if it is on the ballot, decide to eliminate the property tax system in the State of Ohio as it currently exists. That would affect all cities including Strongsville, so I know that the finance department is working on an analysis to present to us on that as well. Did I say that correctly, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – Yes you did, sir.

Mr. Short – Okay, thank you. So, once that information is ready, I will then reschedule the Finance Committee at that time.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Short: Lastly, Committee of the Whole we have Ordinance No. 2026-36 on tonight's agenda. This is just to allow the city to enter into the settlement agreement for the last...well, we think it's the last six opioid epidemic litigation settlements that the city will then settle and hopefully receive some financial remuneration for that settlement. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. 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 one announcement. The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, again, will be sponsoring the 'State-of-the-Schools' speech by Dr. Cameron Ryba on April 21, 2026 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center - it begins at 11:30 a.m. Anyone wanting to attend, please contact The Chamber of Commerce. I am sure the superintendent will be available to answer a lot of questions; especially as it pertains to the balance sheet of the Strongsville City Schools, and the levy.

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.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

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

Mr. Short - Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Bonnie Thoennes, 9407 Brushwood Lane, Strongsville, OH 44136: My name is Bonnie Theonnes, I live at 9407 Brushwood Lane, Strongsville, Ohio 44136.

Mr. Short – Can you spell your last name for the record?

Ms. Theonnes – Yes, THEONNES.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Ms. Theonnes – I recently went to two coffees and conversation held by the Board of Education members. The first one was held in Giant Eagle by the Board of Education's Vice President, Ms. Megan Haffner on March 22, 2026. I would like to thank her and the Board of Education President, Ms. Housum for buying me a cup of coffee and listening to me. The first time in years I was able to finish my sentences. I was able to present my findings, my research, my concerns, and my questions. The second coffee and conversation was held at Dunkin Donuts on March 28, 2026 - that was quite an interesting experience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Theonnes (cont'd) - There was no coffee and hardly a conversation. My intent was to go there and have a conversation with the Board of Education members – not to get into a debate with other residents. Everyone has their own opinions and can ask their own questions if they like. I did not appreciate one of the residents butting into my conversation with one of the Board of Education members. In addition to that, that person insulted me and called me a socialist. Then, did not have the guts to insult me in English, they did it in my native language - accused me of being a socialist by advocating for long-term senior residents and me asking questions about incoming bond levy costs. Not once, but twice I was told that I have a passion for what I am doing, but in reality, this is not my passion. My passion is gardening. It wasn't a passion that drove me to it. It was an incident that happened in 2019, on the day of Strongsville's State of the School presentation. We are told to get involved, give some input, and make a comment, so I went and I tried. I stroked up a conversation with a person in front of me. I said that I was looking into a teacher salary schedule. Based on my research, I saw that preschool teachers make more money than high school teachers; especially, STEM teachers. I did not get too far with that because that person let me have it. They said that I am probably jealous because I don't make as much as teachers do. People like me are not welcomed in Strongsville because people like me probably won't vote for the levy. I was told that I should go back to where I came from. A fifteen-year resident was telling a thirty-year resident to leave. It's obvious that I do have an accent, but I am very proud of knowing multiple languages - I know more than two. After that nice conversation, I did not stick around – I went home. Later, I watched that presentation on YouTube, and I realized that that person that let me have it, and told me to go back to where I came from, was no other than the President of the Board of Education. That did upset me, but it did not make me quit. Actually, it made me more motivated to learn about the school finances, property taxes, levies, and more; so, here I am today. Not because this is my passion, but it is something that I see is needed. In my forties, I wanted to become a teacher to teach math and computer science because I thought there was a need in the schools for someone like me who had twenty years of experience in that field. I took many required college courses; including English I, English II, physics, math courses, and many others. At the end of that, it did not work out because before one can become a teacher, you have to work half of a year, basically, for free and I could not do that because I had two sons in college. Now, they are talking to change that, which is great. Mr. Mayor and this Council, we the residents need to have a meeting; especially, before any school levy that is put on the ballot where we can ask questions and get the answers – not via email. Most of the time we don't get the emails back, not in person, but in public. We should be able to ask more than one question and get the answers right there. When it comes to property taxes and long-term senior residents, I have a hard time understanding how little to no reaction I get from the elected officials and any other community leaders, and how disconnected they are from senior residents that do experience the unfair high property reappraisals, which leads to higher property tax increases. In many cases, higher than well-to-do residents with children in school experience. I spoke about it more than a few times already with some examples here and at the Board of Education meetings with no change. I was expecting someone to say, "Wow, those residents really had a big increase - bigger than I had." Or, "Wow, I had a reduction and they had the increase." We need to look into it and maybe help those very long-term residents, so they can live in their homes until they are ready to move on – they deserve it. Children deserve good education. Long-term residents that live in Strongsville for over forty years and are over seventy-five years old that already funded one set of schools, supported three, four, or five generations of students, deserve a break. Columbus said it's not their problem.

Ms. Pientka – Five minutes, Mr. President.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Theonnes – Is it over?

Mr. Short – Sorry, it's been five minutes.

Ms. Theonnes – It's been five minutes?

Ms. Pientka – Yes, ma'am.

Mr. Short – Yes.

Ms. Theonnes – Okay, I didn't finish my sentence again.

Denise Fissel, 10759 Pebble Brook Lane, Strongsville, OH 44136: Hello, I am a resident, and my name is Denise Fissel. I am at 10759 Pebble Brook Lane in the Meadowood division. I spoke to Jim several times about my power outages. I live in phase 1 of Meadowood, and on March 13th when we had that huge storm, I understand that most of the state had a lot of problems. Meadowood in my area...my neighbors across the street were fine, but I was out for more than 24 hours - I have had significant amounts of power outages. I have called First Energy and they told me at one point that, "You do, you do have a lot more than 78% more than the average person." When I asked, "What can you do about it?" They didn't really have a solution. I don't know if I can be on a different grid system, or what. Four days later, we were out again for four hours. Again, it is only certain houses – it's not the whole area. It is very confounding to have my neighbor right across the street not have a problem at all. I am out 78%, as well as people that are next to me or on the other side. I don't know what I can do. I just have documented it with First Energy and have called and asked again and again to have this grid, of whatever I am on for phase 1, changed. There really hasn't been any solutions. The second kind of area of concern is that I see there is going to be a new water main over on Brookline Oval. Pebble Brook, I swear there are so many water main breaks on that street. At one point, we had four water main breaks in one day. It was just right down the line – there was one after another. It seems almost every other week there is a water main break somewhere on phase 1. I don't know if that can be looked at as well, thank you.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Mark Roth, 22249 Jonathan Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149: Good evening, Council. I am Mark Roth, former Councilman for twenty five years – 22249 Jonathan Drive, Strongsville, Ohio. First, I would like to second both of the ladies that spoke before me. For twenty-five years as a Councilman, I know this lady is telling the truth. So many water main breaks – what a joke in Meadowood, and on Prospect Road, and in (unintelligible). That lady did a nice job explaining the aristocracy and the aloofness of your school board. I'm not in the running for alumni of the year with the school board – let me tell you. I don't care. They are spending money like crazy – wastefully, and they always have. They are top heavy and administrators galore. They have, I don't know, how many counselors - one for every other letter in the alphabet. Every time you tell them to cut back a little bit on their finances, right away they threaten you with, "We are going to cut bussing, and when we cut bussing, your kids are going to suffer. They are going to walk four miles in the snow." That's what they do. They like to threaten you instead of tightening their belts like they should. Now, we have a storm brewing in Ward 3. I'm up here because we had a meeting at Surrarrer Elementary.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Roth (cont'd) - There were sixty of my neighbors there and they were all upset. When my neighbors are upset, I get upset. There was no one there except Mr. Ryba. No Councilman from Ward 3, no for at-large Councilman. I'm not trying to embarrass anybody; I'm just trying to say that we are going to need your help in the future. What they did...here is another way they are wasting money – they shut down four schools. They shut down Allen, they shut down Zellers, they are shutting down Muraski and making a preschool out of it, and they shut down Drake. Then, they want to throw their hands in the air and say, "Oh, we are busting at the seams. We have a couple of portable trailers at every site." Well, who caused that? They did – they shut down four schools. What do you think those four schools worth of students are going to go? Now, they are busting at the seams. Now, they have a 3.5 mill levy, and they want to raise and come up with a \$170,000,000.00 bond for construction...\$170,000,000.00 in construction. Right away, Kinsner, Whitney, and Muraski all have large parcels of land. All the residents in those areas said, "Get lost." The smallest parcel is Surrarrer. Surrarrer gets the big campus – they are going to shoehorn a campus in at Surrarrer and double the number of students from 400 to 800 – what a joke. You just got done of getting rid of repurposing four schools, you're busting at the seams...surprise, and now you want to build three big ones for \$170,000,000.00. Boy, do they waste money, I'll tell you. They never look at their wages, their top heaviness, and their administration. Right away they want you to dig into your pockets. Well, let me tell you that when we saw the prints, we couldn't believe it. They have a bus ring going around the whole complex that rides right on a high-pressure natural gas pipeline that feeds five cities. That sounds really safe. We are going to ride our school busses on top of a high-intensity and high-pressure...I know that because it is in my backyard. Every Saturday and Sunday, you can hear the scientific planes going overhead because they are so worried that there is going to be a gas leak, or some sort of temperature rise, that they watch it like a hawk with airplanes. They don't want you building anything on it – pools, fences, or sheds...get out of here. If they see you even starting to pick up a shovel, the natural gas company and Buckeye Petroleum are out in your yard. What happens to the twenty-five foot easement on the school side? They didn't figure at all for this natural gas line. They didn't figure at all there's a petroleum line that goes right through this new school.

Mr. Short – Ten seconds, Mr. Roth.

Mr. Roth – It goes right through the new school...the petroleum line. Then, they said...they didn't give a bond committee meeting where they met with the residents. Not one committee meeting and not one school board meeting did they meet with the residents. In the blueprints, they didn't even take into account the petroleum line, the buffering...

Mr. Short – Mr. Roth, that's time.

Mr. Roth - ...and the storm water drainage.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Mr. Roth – There is a lot of work to be done, and you are looking at another 3.5 mills on top of this one and we are paying triple property taxes to them.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2026-027 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 1248 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1248 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Ordinance No. 2026-028 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17963 MARKS ROAD, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM GI-A (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL-A) CLASSIFICATION TO RT-C (TOWNHOUSE-CLUSTER) CLASSIFICATION (PPN 394-07-002), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Ordinance No. 2026-029 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN PARK RIDGE CROSSING SUBDIVISION NO. 3; ACCEPTING CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSTRUCTED THEREIN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTS REQUIRED IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, 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 Mr. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-029 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2026-030 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR STORM SEWER SYSTEM PURPOSES FROM PARK RIDGE INVESTMENTS, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARK RIDGE CROSSING SUBDIVISION NO. 3, 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 Mr. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-030 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2026-031 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREETS IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2026 PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, 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 Mr. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-031 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2026-032 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE WESTWOOD DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN 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 Mr. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-032 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2026-033 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BEECH CREEK TRAIL AND BROOKSTONE WAY WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN 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 Mr. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-033 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2026-034 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NON-EXCLUSIVE RENTAL/OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT LAKES BASEBALL LEAGUE ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR 2026, FOR THE USE OF VARIOUS BASEBALL FIELDS IN 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 Mr. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-034 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2026-035 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NON-EXCLUSIVE RENTAL/OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER CLEVELAND SENIORS SOFTBALL ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR 2026, FOR THE USE OF VARIOUS BASEBALL FIELDS IN 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 Mr. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-035 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2026-036 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE TERMS OF EACH OF THE SIX (6) REMNANT DEFENDANTS' SETTLEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC LITIGATION, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COMBINED SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM FOR THE SIX (6) REMNANT DEFENDANTS' SETTLEMENTS, 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 Mr. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Clark, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-036 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: NEW – D-5 To: GMA Biscuits Strongsville, LLC; 17818 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 04/12/2026).

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

Application for Permit: NEW – D-3 To: ADAPTIII, LLC; DBA: Scramblers; 16726 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 04/16/2026).

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 8:13 p.m.

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Council Secretary

04/20/2026
Date