

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024.**

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

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

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

### Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee:

Ms. Kosek – Okay, so bear with me because I think that 75% of the agenda is in my committee, so give me a second guys. We've got Ordinance No. 2024-006 which is the change in what is permitted in the certain zoning codes as related to the mall. I'm sure everyone had an opportunity to listen to the public hearing that we had at the last Council meeting. This has been already on fourth reading; so we would need to vote on that tonight. I imagine that we will have some folks here who would have public comment; but I just ask everybody to be prepared to vote on that. We have Ordinance No. 2024-043 which are change orders for The Town Center project; there's two change orders. I'm going to have to find the right page in order to get to the amount, but I think it's around \$75,000.00. Is that right?

Mr. Carbone – Just under.

Ms. Kosek – Yeah okay, so that would be a suspend and adopt. Then we have 7 change orders related to the Prospect Road / Storm Sewer Improvement project. I think that there's a tree that they had to remove and some changes that had to occur related to some pipe; \$150,000.00. I'm trying to find my notes.

Mr. Jamison – Yes, \$150,883.95.

Ms. Kosek – Alright thank you, I appreciate that.

Mayor Perciak – And more to come.

Ms. Kosek – Oh, so there are going to be more changes on that one?

Mayor Perciak – Yes, at least another \$100,000.00 / \$150,000.00 after that.

Ms. Kosek – So we are running into some issues?

Mayor Perciak – Yes ma'am.

Ms. Kosek – Okay, that's unfortunate; I wish we weren't. Okay, that would be a suspend and adopt also. We've got Ordinance No. 2024-045, and that is to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract for our 2024 Pavement Reconstruction program. That one is Set In Stone, LLC I think if you...

Mr. Jamison – That's correct.

Ms. Kosek – We won that.

Mr. Short – Have we used them in the past a lot?

Mayor Perciak – We have.

Mr. Short – We have?

Mayor Perciak - Last year we started...as a matter of fact, that little piece you see poured already on Foltz Parkway, right by Drake Road, that was them. They worked Saturday doing certain things. They did things in High Point Subdivision last year at the end because we couldn't get anyone to do it so he came in. He was the lowest bid.

Mr. Short – Yes, just so that we have a little history and we know their work.

Ms. Kosek – Their bid was just a little over \$2.3 million dollars. So that we can get started on that, we'd ask that you suspend and adopt that. We've got Ordinance No. 2024-046; this is for the Progress Drive Culvert Replacement project. It would allow us to enter into an agreement with the sewer district to partner with them on a Community Cost-Share Agreement. Mayor, tell me if I'm right. As I'm reviewing this, it looks like it's a little over a \$1 million dollar project and that the cautionary agreement would cover about \$800,000.00 dollars of that?

Mayor Perciak – That is correct; but I think it's going to be a little bit more than \$1 million dollars plus; but it's \$800,000.00 they are giving us, correct.

Ms. Roff – Out of precaution, I am going to abstain from that because I just think that's the best.

Ms. Kosek – Understood Ann, thank you for letting us know. We also have Ordinance No. 2024-047; this is a request to change the zoning from (CS) commercial service to (GB) general business at 8721 Pearl Road. We will refer that to the Planning Commission. Do we have any idea what they want to do there, Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – Honestly, I don't. Neal might know, but...

Ms. Kosek – It sounds like maybe Jim has.

Mr. Kaminski – I read the applications earlier and it was pretty confusing. I don't know if there is a proposal to build anything there based upon the application.

Ms. Kosek – That's why I asked because it looked very...it said they were going to take something down and it was going to improve, but wasn't clear as to what...

Mr. Kaminski – There's a home there right now...very confusing.

Mr. Jamison – My understanding is he initially is going to use it for storage. What the use will be down the road, I don't know. I don't think there is any immediate plan or any immediate kind of project coming in. I think he just wants to change the zoning to give him more flexibility is my understanding.

Ms. Kosek – Okay.

Mayor Perciak – We'll see and we will...The Planning Commission by then will have it all ironed out.

Public Service & Conservation Committee:

Ms. Kosek - And then the...I think the last one, and Aimee will tell me if I'm wrong, is actually for Public Service; it's Ordinance No. 2024-049. This is for...to enter into a contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. for the purchase of liquid asphalt. That is an ODOT contract. It would be in ward 2; part of Howe Road and Benbow Road, ward 4 would be Prospect Road south of State Route 82, ward 1 would be portions of Whitney Road and Webster Road, and ward 3 would be portions of Fair Road. I think that's about \$121,000.00 dollar contract.

Mr. Jamison – Just to point out, this is a reimbursement program through Cuyahoga County. This is a program that's been going on for a number of years. We will be seeking reimbursement for the county for the amount that we have spent on this.

Ms. Roff – Plus, it protects all those new pretty streets.

Mr. Jamison – It's really to try and maximize the duration and length...

Ms. Roff – Yes.

Mr. Jamison – ...of asphalt. We've used it in other areas in the past, and it seems to have helped.

Ms. Roff – It makes a difference.

Mr. Jamison – Yes.

Ms. Roff - Thank you.

Ms. Kosek – Okay.

Mayor Perciak – Mike Gallagher helped us with that one.

Ms. Kosek – Excellent, well that was the last one that I have so someone else can talk for a little bit.

Mr. Carbone – Any questions for Ms. Kosek?

(No questions)

Public Safety & Health Committee:

Ms. Roff – I have three; but I am going to go ahead for the first one, I am going to let Neal talk about this a little bit. I tried to talk with the Chief a little bit because it's a big ticket item. It's our new radio system that we are looking at and I think we are due for it. It's been fifteen/twenty years...fifteen years since the last time?

Mr. Jamison – No, what's these are, are the hand-held radios that are used by the safety forces. Essentially, it hasn't been that long, but they do have a shelf...

Ms. Roff – In 2004 was the last time we did them, or no?

Mr. Jamison – Pardon me?

Ms. Roff – 2004, or no?

Mr. Jamison – No, I think it was shorter than that, but they have a shelf life.

Ms. Roff – Okay.

Mr. Jamison – So what this is, is that Strongsville with five other communities is in what's called a "Council of Governments" (COG) for a radio network that we use along with surrounding communities. The COG was able to negotiate with Motorola to get a discounted price for the purchase of this. Each city has the opportunity to get involved in that purchase; but they don't have to. We have chosen to do so because it's a good price; and the shelf life of our radios has expired. This is really going to be used by police and fire, the hand-held...

Ms. Roff – Would that only be for us then and will ours...

Mr. Jamison – Yes, this has nothing to do with the dispatch center.

Ms. Roff – Okay.

Mr. Jamison – So the radio COG is back before I was working here. The Mayor will painfully remember that I was negotiating on behalf of Brook Park and the City of Cleveland. We, at that time, were part of this COG...this radio COG. Brook Park and Strongsville had the unique ability because they held licenses which Cleveland needed to expand their radio network. That's where we got involved. It's been a good deal, despite some people contesting otherwise, for all of the communities.

Ms. Roff – But these will be...they will all...

Mr. Jamison – No, this is just for us.

Ms. Roff - ...coincide? They will all coincide with the others, or no?

Mr. Jamison – Yes, that is part of...that's a requirement that any community, that's a member of our dispatch center, that they have to link up and be consistent. They can use another brand of radio, but there's technical things that can be done to make that work with our system.

Ms. Roff – This is for new radios, all the equipment and the service, correct?

Mr. Jamison – The service is for only a couple of years. It's under the warranty; and then that's something we have to go back and do in about two years.

Ms. Roff – Two years okay, thank you, Neal.

Mr. Jamison – No problem.

Ms. Roff - I appreciate that, suspend and adopt for that. Then we have...

Mayor Perciak – We need all seven, don't we?

Ms. Roff – Yes, we need all seven for that.

Mr. Jamison – Yes, we need all seven on that just because of the dollar amount.

Ms. Roff – Then we have Ordinance No. 2024-051; and that is just to put up for auction some vehicles that we are no longer using in our police department. Or on our...for police and fire or just police, correct?

Mayor Perciak – Police.

Ms. Roff – Then we have Ordinance No. 2024-052; this will also need all seven. This is to purchase 4 new vehicles for our police department.

Mayor Perciak – Not to correct you, but this is under the state contract so...

Ms. Roff – So we don't need that, okay.

Mr. Jamison - We don't need all seven.

Ms. Roff – Even though it's over the amount? Okay.

Mayor Perciak – The Motorola deal, we got a better deal from them then we could under the state contract, imagine that.

Mr. Carbone – We are seeing that more and more now with the state contracts.

Mayor Perciak – That was amazing.

Mr. Jamison – Well, that was the advantage of buying in bulk through the COG with the other communities; so the Mayor is correct, that is a...it's a good...

Ms. Roff – Going back to the Motorola...how long will that equipment last us?

Mr. Jamison – I think it's going to last us like ten years.

Ms. Roff – Okay, and then the service for two, perfect.

Mayor Perciak – I'm going to backtrack on that just a little bit. In a normal environment, that would last us; but with all the changes going on with software, computers, AI and all these other things, I can't say it's going to last ten years. We don't know really and truly. It's a changing time.

Ms. Roff – Yes, well thank you that's all I have unless anybody has questions. Thanks for your help Neal, with that.

Mr. Carbone – Any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No questions)

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Thank you, I have two today. The first one...well actually, they are two together. Ordinance Nos. 2024-053 and 2024-054; both are authorizing the Mayor to enter in an agreement for rental of our baseball fields. They do this pretty much every year. One is with Great Lakes Baseball League and one is with Greater Cleveland Senior Softball. Both of them, the recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Does anyone have any questions?

(No questions)

Finance Committee: Thank you Mr. Carbone, we have three ordinances tonight. The first is Ordinance No. 2024-055; this is to update the annual expenditures for the City of Strongsville in our 2024 budget. I'm not going through all of them, but some of them are high level obviously an increase of \$315,000.00. For the fire fund, and the police department fund of \$25,875.00, for the radios that Councilwoman Roff just went through; \$340,000.00 for two new snow-plow trucks which are going to be delivered in 2025, and will be paid for out of the 2024 budget, correct Mr. Dean? Then, for The Town Center project, as we are preparing to open that hopefully in August or September, an increase of \$164,997 (meant to say \$164,977) in wages and \$126,700 in supplies to the Multi-Purpose Center Fund to prepare to hire employees for that new Town Center.

Mayor Perciak – I just want to step in. That's only five months now, so next year you are going to see that number much higher. Then add debt service next year too.

Mr. Short – Correct as we will be paying for that through hopefully a bond issue. Correct Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – Don't know yet. Probably notes first and then a bond. You saw what happened with the ten-year today again. That went crazy, so everything is priced off the ten-year. I think we were at 4.52 or 4.56. What did we end up today?

Mr. Dean – I'm not sure if those went up.

Mayor Perciak – It's going up. You saw what's happened to the market the last few days because of inflation, the numbers that are coming out. Then today, the market was shaky simply because of what's happening overseas with the Israelis' and Iran. The market doesn't like that; so people have a tendency then on moving towards safety.

Mr. Dean – We compete with the treasury bonds for investments when we sell these. The higher they get, the more we have to offer to compete with them.

Mr. Short – Understand.

Mayor Perciak – Though, it's not a good thing.

Mr. Short – And it doesn't look like the feds are going to cut interest rates any time soon as well.

Mayor Perciak – Well, we pretty much talked about that, remember, at "The State of the City." This was as good as it was going to get. If this keeps up, you're going to...I would doubt in an election year that anyone would be this foolish this close to election to either lower them or up them. It's possible it's going to happen to up them.

Mr. Short – Correct, so we shall see how we pay for that. Then, an increase of another \$284,524.00 for The Town Center project for change orders there relating to the construction of a new Town Center. Another large one that is over \$100,000.00 is \$150,884.00; and this is for the Prospect Road Culvert project for changes there in that project. Mr. Dean anything...the other ones were all less than \$10,000.00 that were in...anything else to add?

Mr. Dean – No, I think you have it correct.

Ms. Roff – Can we go back to Town Center though? Do we...what are we looking like there as far as the increases? Are we going to pull back any pieces of it?

Mayor Perciak – No, it's a moving target. As we continue to unearth things we find more things. In all fairness, this is what happens when you start excavating and doing things in properties that we've owned over many, many decades. Years gone by, you were able to just eliminate things differently than you can today. Well, as that all surfaces, we have to take care of it.

Ms. Roff – Understood, I just wanted to know if we were going to maybe schedule some of the other pieces out a little bit. Do a staging...or if we needed to.

Mayor Perciak – Here's the thing Ann, no matter what we do it's costing us more today than it did a year ago, then it did two...it's like the fire station. It's the same thing. What we were able to get a generator for two years ago, today the price is almost triple. Plus, a sixteen month wait...sixteen. It's a whole different world and the more we delay, the cost is going to escalate and not go down.

Ms. Roff – I just want to make sure financially that we are comfortable with the decisions that we are looking at.

Mayor Perciak – If we weren't, we would be sending up a lot of red flags.

Ms. Roff – Thank you, perfect.

Mr. Short – So the recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that. The item that we have, Ordinance No. 2024-56; this is just technical corrections to our Income Tax Code. Remember, last year we had amended due to state law and changes in state law regarding the working in taxation of remote employees in the city. There were some technical corrections, right Neal, to make sure that reads properly from a legal prospective?

Mr. Jamison – Right, RITA went through it and found, I think, a couple of areas where we just had to tweak the numbering of what we were referring to in the previous section. It's just like you said, a technical correction, nothing substantial.

Mr. Short – So suspend and adopt that as well. Then lastly, Resolution No. 2024-057; this is to certify for the county fiscal officer a renewal tax levy for the Southwest General Health Center, that we are a member community of, for the November Election Mayor, to get that process going...to get that renewal on the ballot. Is that correct, Neal?

Mr. Jamison – This is something we do every year. It's just to certify to the fiscal officer our tax rates. This is something we do every year.

Mr. Short – It said something in the ballot for the November Election.

Mr. Jamison – Oh no this is the one about the hospital, my bad. This is the one for the hospital levy to start the process...

Mayor Perciak – Exactly what he said, correct.

Mr. Jamison – ...so that, at the end of the day, we can get the amounts back from the fiscal officer. At the next meeting, we will then have the resolution to put it on the ballot for this November. My bad, I'm sorry.

Mr. Short – That's alright.

Mayor Perciak – We have one of ours coming up for renewal. Do you want to talk about it quickly?

Mr. Dean – We also have a general fund levy that we need renewed on the ballot. It's been ongoing since the 1970's. We have just done a renewal every five years for this levy and it is coming up due.

Ms. Roff – For November?

Mr. Dean – Yes, and we will have it on the next meeting.

Ms. Roff – Okay, thank you.

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

Ms. Kosek – Is the one that you are talking about expire at the end of this year? Okay, thank you.

Mr. Short – Can we suspend and adopt on that. I'm done.

Mr. Clark – Can we revisit Resolution No. 2024-048? I think that's the antennas on a tower.

Mr. Jamison – Yes, there is one we didn't do, Jim.

Mr. Clark – Resolution No. 2024-048.

Ms. Kosek – Yes, so Resolution No. 2024-048 it is...they are looking to put three additional antennas. They will not be any higher than where the current ones are and it's a, I believe, in a new cabinet for the equipment. Everything came before the Planning Commission. Everything was in order; so that will be a suspend and adopt.

Mr. Clark – Thank you.



Mr. Carbone – Anything else?

(No comments)

Committee of the Whole:

Mr. Carbone – We have two resolutions this evening approving the applications to place land in agricultural district. We do this every five years. On both Resolution Nos. 2024-041 and 2024-042, the recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Any questions on that?

(No questions)

*Mr. Short made a motion to for us to go into executive session for a conference with the law director, of the City of Strongsville, concerning disputes involving the City of Strongsville that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. It was seconded by Ms. Roff to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 6:54 p.m. Also present from administration: Law Director Neal Jamison. The executive session concluded at 7:09 p.m. and reconvened into open session.*

**\*\*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 15, 2024 agenda link. \*\***

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President James E. Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:**

The Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2023-182.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 1, 2024 were approved as submitted.

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

(None)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark:** No report this evening, but I do want to alert everyone of a change in time. So, the April 22, 2024 Economic Development Committee meeting is on our calendar for 7:00 p.m. If you recall, that will be our tour of the industrial parks; so that will begin at noon eastern scheduled to end by 1:00 p.m., and absolutely no later than 2:00 p.m. eastern time. So, noon eastern time on Monday, April 22, 2024. I will take any questions; but that is it for economic development. Hearing none, I will end my report.

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

(No report)

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Ms. Roff:** I have three items for Public Safety & Health. I have Ordinance No. 2024-05; and that is for a purchase of Motorola radios and their service. We need all seven for that; and the recommendation is to suspend and adopt. I have Ordinance No. 2024-051; and that is to dispose of or sell off vehicles no longer needed. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. I have Resolution No. 2024-052; that is to purchase 4 new vehicles for our police department. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. I will take any questions.

(No questions)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Spring:** Thank you Council President, tonight we have two; both Ordinances No. 2024-053 and 2024-054 are agreements for the Mayor to enter into for a rental agreement. One with...both for our baseball fields. One is with Greater Cleveland Senior Softball and one is with Great Lakes Baseball League. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt both of those.

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring:** For the school board, there was a meeting on April 11, 2024. There were some students who got recognized that I wanted to go over really quickly. One of them was a seventh grader, a pretty impressive gentleman, Vihaan Yanamandra. He's an honor student, violin orchestra, chamber strings, swim, team united, math club, and a Mustang mentor. He was the OSVA Student Achievement for the month; congratulations to him. Also, we had two swimmers who were recognized for the qualifying state qualifiers. One of them was Estelle Friedrich, and Owen Weiss was the other; so I wanted to recognize them. I also wanted to recognize our Ohio High School Gymnastics Team who were top five finishers. I have their names and I will read them off really quick: Emma Hahn, Violet Keefe, Ava Ketterer, Lena Lay, Samantha Mauger, Mikaela Noirot, Lauren Pozsonyi, and Sophia Rinas. Also, team and individual qualifier was Gianna Upchurch; so congratulations to all of them. Also, at the school board meeting, they discussed the technology updates and some updates hopefully coming for live stream video. In case you're not able to attend any of the events, you can watch them on T.V. That will conclude my report.

**FINANCE – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. Carbone, for the Finance Committee we have three ordinances tonight on the agenda. Ordinance No. 2024-055 is to update the annual expenses for the City of Strongsville for the 2024 budget. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Ordinance No. 2024-056; this is technical corrections to Chapter...Section 881.03 of our Income Tax Code to reflect technical corrections regarding working taxation of employees who work remotely in the City of Strongsville. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt.

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

**FINANCE – Mr. Short (cont'd):** Then, Resolution No. 2024-056; this is for the county fiscal officer to begin the process to put on the November 5, 2024 Election ballot the renewal levy for Southwest General Health System for the residents of the City of Strongsville. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Any questions on those ordinances?

(No questions)

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

(No report)

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Kaminski:**

(No report)

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Ms. Kosek:** Planning, Zoning and Engineering we have seven pieces of legislation and Public Service & Conservation has one; so bear with me as we work through them. We have Ordinance No. 2024-006; this is the ordinance regarding adding some, I would say, variety to certain of our zoning codes regarding the shopping center districts. We have read this four times; and we had a public hearing at our last meeting. I'm sure everyone has had an opportunity to hear what was said by the residents; so I'd ask that we adopt this tonight if that is the Council's will. Let's see, we've got...not Resolution No. 2024-041 because that's Jim. Ordinance No. 2024-043; this is a request to approve change orders. Two of them are related to The Town Center project. These change orders represent \$74, 650.00; and I would ask that we suspend and adopt that if you will. We will go to, I believe, Ordinance No. 2024-044 which is change orders related to the Prospect Road Storm Sewer Improvement project. There are seven change orders here; and there have been some things that have been discovered as they've been working; some trees that needed to be removed and some changes to the pipe. It is a change...the cumulative amount is \$150,883.95 for these seven change orders. The Mayor did share with us during caucus that we anticipate there will be additional changes on this project. I'll remind everyone that we did get some federal money for this; so, I would ask that we adopt this...suspend and adopt this tonight. We have Ordinance No. 2024-045, which is to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with Set in Stone Contracting, LLC for our 2024 Pavement Reconstruction program. They were the lowest and best bidder at \$2,303,100.50. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. Ordinance No. 2024-046 is related to the Progress Drive Culvert Replacement project. That is estimated to be a little bit more than a \$1,000,000.00 project. This would be a cost-share agreement with the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) in which they would agree to reimburse us, Mayor for \$800,000.00 towards that? Or credit us? I can't remember what she said...

Mayor Perciak – Reimburse.

Ms. Kosek – Reimburse, so...

Ms. Roff – I don't mean to interrupt, Kelly. I'm sorry, I'll be abstaining from that.

Ms. Kosek – Yes.

Ms. Roff – Thank you...sorry.

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

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Ms. Kosek (cont'd):** No problem, so this is a project that we really need to get done. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. Sorry guys, there's a lot of stuff on that one. Okay, Ordinance No. 2024-047; this is a proposal to change the zoning at 8721 Pearl Road which is right across from Adams Drive on the north end of Pearl Road. They are requesting to change the zoning from commercial services to general business. We would send that over to the Planning Commission to get their recommendation on what to do with that before it comes back and then we will set a public hearing. I would ask that we do that tonight...send it over to Planning. Then, we have Resolution No. 2024-048, which was approved already by the Planning Commission to allow for the addition of three additional antennas and one equipment cabinet to city owned property on Drake Road. Again, it's three antennas on an existing telecommunications tower. My recollection is that it does not increase the height; so I'd ask that we suspend and adopt that. That's all for Planning, Zoning and Engineering. So, if that marathon is done, let me go over to Public Service and Conservation.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek:** Ordinance No. 2024-049; this is to allow for us to enter into an ODOT transportation contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. for a little over \$120,000.00 for liquid pavement...liquid asphalt. Is that right? liquid asphalt?

Mr. Jamison – Yes.

Ms. Kosek – Liquid asphalt to preserve certain roads. There are roads in ward 2, ward 4 and all the wards, portions of Howe Road, Benbow Road., Prospect Road, Whitney Road, Webster Road and Fair Road. Everyone is getting some attention on this. My understanding from the administration is that this is a project that is supported by Cuyahoga County and so we will be getting funds back?

Mr. Jamison – Yes, correct.

Ms. Kosek - I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. If anybody has any questions, you should ask the administration. I'm kidding, if anyone has any questions, I'm happy to answer them.

Mr. Carbone – I just want to say with Ordinance No. 2024-006 and the other public hearings, I was able to watch the meeting live. First and foremost, Kelly did a great job in my absence. Thank you, and I took into account Mr. Slater, what you had said, but also some of the residents, so...

Mr. Jamison – Mr. Chairman, if I can briefly add on Ordinance No. 2024-046, Ms. Roff indicated that she might abstain. At some point she has to explain why just for the record.

Ms. Roff – Do you want me to do that now?

Mr. Jamison – We can do it now, or we can do that later.

Ms. Roff – My husband works for the sewer district so I just...out of precaution...

Mr. Jamison – Yes, thank you.

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek (cont'd):**

Mr. Carbone – I just wanted to let you know that I did watch the meeting. I did view all the public hearings, and I'm ready to vote this evening.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Carbone:** We have two resolutions this evening on the agenda. Resolution Nos. 2024-041 and 2024-042; these are both applications to place land in agricultural district. This is something that we have to do every five years and their five years are up. My recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. Are there any questions with those?

(No questions)

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:**

(None)

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean:** Thank you Mr. President, I just wanted to remind everybody today is Tax Day...tax deadline day. Our city tax is 2%...75% credit. If you are a resident, you do need to file. I would recommend going to [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com). They are experiencing high phone volume calls, but they will be open 24/7. They are recommending going to the actual website to fast file if you have not filed today. I also wanted to add I certify that the funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda which require certification of funding, thank you.

Mr. Short – Mr. Dean, I would like to add that your return can be extended today if you like, but the tax must be paid today.

Mr. Dean – That's correct.

Mayor Perciak – Spoken as a CPA and a tax man. Very well said Councilman Short.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Mr. Short and thank you Mr. Dean.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

(None)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2024-006** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1242.07, 1258.04, 1258.11(a), 1258.12 AND 1270.05 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, CONCERNING PERMITTED USES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 01-16-24. Second reading and referred to the Planning Commission 02-05-24. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 02-08-24. Third reading 02-20-24. Public hearing 04-01-24. Fourth reading 04-01-24.*

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-006 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2024-041** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF MERYL HOSSFELD AND CYNTHIA HOSSFELD TO PLACE LAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT. *Public hearing 04-01-24. First reading 04-01-24.*

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-041 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2024-042** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF SUSAN LEA SCHNITTKE TO PLACE LAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT. *Public hearing 04-01-24. First reading 04-01-24.*

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-042 ADOPTED.**



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

**Ordinance No. 2024-043** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NOS. 8 AND 9 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-043 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-044** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NOS. 1 THROUGH 7 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND DIGIOIA-SUBURBAN EXCAVATING, LLC, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROSPECT ROAD STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-044 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-045** 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 2024 PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-045 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2024-046** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, IN ORDER FOR THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRESS DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Kosek. Ms. Roff Abstained. All other members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Ms. Kosek.**

**Roll Call: All ayes: Kosek, Clark, Spring, Carbone, Short, Kaminski.  
Abstained: Roff. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-046 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-047** 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 REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 8721 PEARL ROAD (PPN 395-10-024) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM CS (COMMERCIAL SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Ordinance No. 2024-049** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT WITH PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGY, INC. (CONTRACT NO. DOT101L25-24) FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIQUID ASPHALT TO BE USED BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-049 ADOPTED.**



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

**Ordinance No. 2024-050** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIOS, PROGRAMMING AND RELATED APPURTENANCES, IN ORDER TO REPLACE OBSOLETE RADIOS AND UPGRADE THE CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-050 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-051** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE AND SURPLUS POLICE VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-051 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-052** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 2024 DODGE DURANGO POLICE VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-052 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2024-053** 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 2024, FOR THE USE OF VARIOUS BASEBALL FIELDS IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-053 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-054** 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 2024, FOR THE USE OF VARIOUS BASEBALL FIELDS IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-054 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2024-055** by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-023.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-055 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2024-056** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 881.03(7) OF CHAPTER 881 OF TITLE FOUR OF PART EIGHT OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING REMOTE EMPLOYMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-056 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2024-057** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFY CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-057 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

*Application for Permit: **NEW – D3: To: 8082 Shave Ice LLC; DBA: 808 Shave Ice**, 12457 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 04/22/2024).*

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

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

***Motion to appoint the Clerk of Council, Aimee Pientka, as Council's "Designated Attendee" for Public Records training on their behalf under the requirements of State Law, Ohio Revised Code Sections 109.43(B) and 149.43(E)(1). [Completion of required three-hour Sunshine Law training conducted by the Ohio Attorney General's Office on April 9, 2024.]***

***Motion (above) made by Mr. Short, second by Ms. Roff. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Carbone adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Marialena Beach

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Council Secretary

05-06-24

Date