

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royaltan Road, on **Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:45 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Gordon C. Short, James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, 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 Gordon C. Short, called the caucus to order at 6:48 p.m.

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

Public Service & Conservation Committee:

Chairwoman Roff - I just have one item (Ordinance No. 2025-041), and that is for our salt. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt for that. Do we have some left over from last year?

Mr. Jamison - Yes, this is 9,000 tons; and I know based on all the ice we had this winter, they depleted a lot of that reserve.

Chairwoman Roff - Yes.

Mr. Short - We still might need it. It's only April.

Mr. Jamison - Yes, don't jinx us...it could still come. We had an interesting winter in that regard, and this is an annual deal.

Chairwoman Roff - Yes, it's like a little housekeeping thing.

Mr. Jamison - I think it's the same amount we had last year.

Chairwoman Roff - If I remember correctly, we've had other people come to us begging and borrowing because we have done very well as far as securing what we needed.

Mr. Jamison - Right.

Mayor Perciak - We are not part of that consortium - we are part of ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation).

Chairwoman Roff - Yes.

Mr. Short - Alright, so suspend and adopt. Any questions?

(No questions)

Public Safety & Health Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek - Thank you, we have two ordinances tonight. The first is (Ordinance No. 2025-042) for the 2025-2026 D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) grant program to authorize the Mayor to apply for financial assistance under that program for grants. If I am reading it right, it's for the salary of a D.A.R.E. officer and two S.R.Os (School Resource Officers).

Mr. Jamison - Correct.

Chairwoman Kosek - Have we already been awarded? Or are we...

Mr. Jamison - We've applied...

Chairwoman Kosek - Okay.

Mr. Jamison - ...and we feel pretty confident that we will get the same thing again, but it is up to the Attorney General to do all that.

Chairwoman Kosek - Okay, excellent.

Mayor Perciak - But they give us...I'm sorry to say it that way.

Chairwoman Kosek - Absolutely, I was just hoping that we had good news already; that's why I asked. The other ordinance is, (Ordinance No. 2025-043), which is to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract for five chest compression system vests and to trade in four of the vests that we already have. It sounds like it's an upgrade to a new model. I would ask that we suspend and adopt all of those unless anybody has any questions.

(No questions)

Mr. Short - Hearing none, thank you Ms. Kosek.

Recreation & Community Services:

Chairman Kaminski - Alright, we have two ordinances. Ordinance No. 2025-044 is an application for funding through NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) for a vehicle...purchase of a vehicle for the Senior Wheels program. Mayor, I believe that is a matching type of an application, correct?

Mayor Perciak - Yes.

Chairman Kaminski - So yes, they would match our funds towards that. We are looking for suspension and adoption on that this evening. Also, Ordinance No. 2025-045; that is a contract for the purchase of natural gas for the municipal facilities and also the recreation center - a three-year contract. Both of them were lowered, and there is a sheet right in front of you here. If you can see, we went from 5.3 down to 4.93.

Mayor Perciak - Let Eric explain that if you don't mind, please.

Chairman Kaminski - Yes, go ahead Eric.

Mr. Dean - Thank you, Council. I just want to provide the bid results and where we got these numbers from. We have a broker that we have been using for years. Basically, there are two...the top is all of the gas accounts, and the bottom is just the recreation center; which is a bigger account and it's on its own. These all are too big for NOPEC, the commercial...so, we always look at summertime, when your best rates are, to get these contracts in. This contract doesn't expire until December, but if we can get it in now, we are going to get a better rate. That was our goal.

Chairman Kaminski - Yes, that makes sense. The recommendation is suspension and adoption on that. Any other questions?

Mayor Perciak - I just have one comment - Happy Birthday.

Chairman Kaminski - Thank you.

Mayor Perciak - Tell us...you're sixty today?

Chairman Kaminski - Yes, the big 6-0.

Mr. Short - Wow, Happy 60th.

Ms. Roff - You don't look a day older than 65.

(Laughter)

Ms. Roff - Happy Birthday, Jim.

Mr. Short - Any other questions for Mr. Kaminski?

(No questions)

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee:

Chairman Spring - Thank you President Short, I have three today. Ordinance No. 2025-046; this is an ordinance for a change order for the Foltz Parkway Extension project. It looks like they are getting a new storm sewer box culvert in the amount of \$32,990.00. It will bring the total project to \$4,289,265.90. Does anyone have any questions?

Mayor Perciak - Just a comment that we are working still for a grant, and we are getting closer and closer I think. I don't want to say we have it yet, but it could be \$1,000,000.00.

Chairman Spring - Very good.

Mayor Perciak - We are working very closely with the administration - Brent has put his heart and soul into it. Our lobbying group in Columbus is helping us, the Montrose Group, and needless to say, Lydia Mihalik has just been outstanding in most everything we ask for from the State. Anything that has anything to do with development. We are there; we just have our fingers crossed, and we will let you know when it hits. I think all the work has been done on it, right?

Mr. Jamison - Right Mayor, and if you want to let them know about that nice article in Crain's Cleveland Business.

Mayor Perciak - Also, I don't know if any of you saw Crain's...maybe I left it in your mailboxes too. I will leave it up to Tom, he can talk about that. Tom, you can do it when...

Chairman Spring - The recommendation is to suspend and adopt Ordinance No. 2025-046. The other two Ordinance Nos. are 2025-047 and 2025-048; both of these are with FLO Global Management. One is an agreement with FLO Global Management in connection with the activation, operation, and management of the vehicle charging station. I don't know if you guys saw it when you came in today, but it's right outside. The other one is to enter into a contract for the performance warranty agreement with FLO Services USA, Inc. Those two are recommendations to suspend and adopt.

Mr. Short - I have questions on that. Is that...obviously, we are going to be charging the public. Is there...as FLO collects, is there any fee to the city for having that or hosting that? The electricity cost is part of what the user is paying...the end user is paying for that.

Mr. Jamison - Right, we are paying for the maintenance; that is the second ordinance - ordinance No. 2025-048. The hope is what we collect from the public who uses it, will offset that maintenance expense and utility cost. The hope is to break even.

Mr. Short - We have one here at the Town Center, is there another one also?

(Unintelligible background conversation)

Mr. Short - That is the first one, okay.

Mr. Jamison - Remember, this was a NOACA deal. We were one of the sites selected...

Mr. Short - Oh, that's right...correct.

Mr. Jamison - ...to put this in. I believe another one is in Berea over by Baldwin Wallace College. I don't know where else in the area they put them, so we are excited to get it going. Once we get these passed tonight, then Eric will sit down with them and set the rates going forward when you come in to use it. Also, in terms of the rules and regulations; because someone isn't there all day, right?

Mr. Short - Right.

Mr. Jamison - Eric will work closely with them to try and get the rates established. Hopefully, in the next two to four weeks, we will be up and running.

Mr. Short - Excellent, thank you.

Mr. Carbone - Now, is there going to be a provision to run the Ferris Wheel at the Homecoming, to it?

(Laughter)

Mr. Dean - Gordon, on the back of that handout are the rates that other cities are charging for theirs. You can see the comparisons - we are looking in that range.

Mr. Short - Great, thank you. Anything else for Mr. Spring?

(No comments)

Mr. Spring - That will conclude my report.

Mr. Short - Any other questions for Mr. Spring?

(No questions)

Committee of the Whole:

Chairman Short - Lastly, Ordinance No. 2025-049 is to actually codify our ordinances. A practice that we have done here for a while, which is allowing the administration to work with or get bids for public equipment or equipment the city needs through the cooperatives like the Department of Administrative Services with the State of Ohio. Like, when we buy ambulances, fire trucks, and other types of equipment, we know that the city is getting the best rates established by these agencies - the USGA or GSA is another one. This is a practice we've done in the city. This kind of puts it into writing and makes it...codifies what we have been doing. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Are there any questions on that?

(No questions)

Chairman Short - We as a Council still have to approve the purchases, but these will be done. This gives the Mayor the authority to do this through these cooperatives without public bidding.

Mayor Perciak - The Mayor cannot take any credit for this. This was all our law director.

Mr. Jamison - And finance.

Mayor Perciak - Thank you, because this will save us a lot of time and aggravation.

Mr. Jamison - We have been doing this already on a case-by-case basis. It's really to allow transparency, so that everyone can look at it and see that we allow these five different kinds of cooperative purchasing. We still have to come back to you, as a body, to get those specific purchases approved. I think it's just laying it out in black and white about where we can go with this cooperative purchasing. The finance director, and myself, thought this was good to put this in just so that it lets everyone know, not only our residents but also, as we deal with contractors and people like that, what we do allow in terms of purchasing.

Chairman Short - Thank you, Mr. Jamison. Any other questions?

(No questions)

Chairman Short - The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Before we start the meeting, two quick things. One, Mr. Dean, we can bring this up at the Finance Committee section of the meeting, but discuss about the ability for retail investors to purchase our municipal bonds and any future upcoming offerings. I would like to have you discuss that. It should be a good investment for the citizens into their own city. Mr. Jamison for you, and actually for maybe Aimee as well as the Mayor, Council are considering potentially recessing from maybe mid-July to mid-August this year as opposed to the entire month of August.

Chairman Short (cont'd) - If there are any issues...or we can discuss that, especially in terms of any types of potential legislation that may need to go to the ballot in November. Is there anything that would cause it maybe not to be in the best interest of the city for us to recess from mid-July to mid-August?

Mr. Jamison - In a worse scenario, we can always call a special meeting.

Ms. Roff - That's what I was going to say. I always feel like we end up coming back at the end of July/beginning of August when we start our recess and end up being back here anyhow. I actually had suggested July, and then that way we are back here for August if there's any other...

Mr. Jamison - I guess when you...if that's what you want to do, we can create that ordinance to allow for that to take place. Remember, we always do that in July. If that's what your mindset is, Gordon, just let me know, and I will get the legislation/resolution together, and you can pass that. I don't think there is anything right now going to the ballot.

Ms. Roff - There's not this year, but future years.

Chairman Short - Every year we can update it.

Mr. Jamison - We can do it year by year.

Ms. Roff - Aimee, what is your suggestion as far as that goes because I know you tend to run stuff down.

Ms. Pientka - I think it seems to help some members of Council that have young children for that type of time for recess. My only suggestion would be if I could maybe throw out an email to Council and come up with a possible date. If there is a ballot issue, or if the administration needs something passed during that recess time, that we just have one date if need be. It's sometimes hard to get seven, or a quorum, during recess. That would be my only suggestion.

Ms. Roff - If we need that, when does it need to be done by?

Ms. Pientka - It's your legislation, Neal. The last meeting in June?

Mr. Jamison - To be quite honest, the sooner the better just because I sort of coordinate my vacation around that as well. You're not the only ones that are affected by it.

Ms. Roff - Correct, yes.

Mr. Jamison - Others, I think, plan around it as well. I think if you get it done by the beginning of June, we can get...if we can get it on for that first meeting in June, maybe...hopefully.

Ms. Roff - Well, what I am saying is that we usually end up coming back at the end of July, and that's why I suggested the beginning of August for these special meetings. When I suggested it, I suggested that we take July off instead of August.

Mr. Jamison - Oh, okay.

Ms. Roff - Then that way we are back here for the beginning of August when a lot of that stuff pops up.

Mr. Jamison - Whatever you want to do.

Chairman Short - Aimee, why don't you email Council on the suggested dates that they would prefer for the recess, and then we can discuss and decide...

Ms. Pientka - I can do that and talk to the Mayor tomorrow if he is available with his scheduled time off too, to make sure that it works with him.

Mayor Perciak - August 13th I am leaving.

(Laughter)

Mayor Perciak - By the way, tomorrow I will be with the Haslam group.

Chairman Short - Oh that is correct, great.

Mr. Jamison - Yes, so it is whatever you want to do. It's just, certainly, the sooner you make it up because it affects others and other's schedules. Just let me know, and we can get that in.

Ms. Roff - Obviously, if people have stuff that is already preplanned, we could keep it the way it is, too, for this year and go from there.

Mr. Jamison - It is up to you guys. I know July is always a busy month, particularly with certain activities in early August, like sports, band, and stuff like that, that are always starting up. People try to get out before all that starts at the start of the school year, so I get it. Some places...we can meet around July 4th and then come back the 3rd Monday in August - you can sort of do it that way too. I just wanted to throw that out.

Chairman Short - Send that Aimee, and we will just discuss it. Coordinate with the Mayor and...

Mr. Jamison - Just to let you know, looking at the calendar...

Ms. Pientka - I can draft an email for you, Mr. Short.

Mr. Jamison - ...July 4th is on a Friday this year, and the 7th would be the first Monday. If people were planning to go out for a long weekend, maybe you want to start it before that, or maybe you want to wait until after that. I don't know.

Chairman Short - Okay, we will discuss it...

Mr. Jamison - Okay.

Chairman Short - ...and coordinate, okay?

Mr. Jamison - Just let me know, and I will get the resolution together.

Chairman Short - Alright, thank you. Anything else from the administration? Anything for Council?

(No comments)

*****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 21, 2025 agenda link. *****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Gordon C. Short called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, 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 7, 2025, were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark: Thank you, President Short. We had our March Economic Development Committee meeting on March 24th over in the recreation center - well attended. We talked a lot about things going on beyond our borders, beyond the city, and how they impact the city. I think that rolls into some of the things I am going to talk about next; it was mentioned during caucus. The April 17, 2025, article that Crain's published about Strongsville prepping a rare 90-acre site, which we know as Phase II of the Foltz Industrial Extension...the Phase II Extension. The article highlights 90-acres, including 48 being developable. It outlines the four respondents to the RFP (Request for Proposal) being CBRE Group, CRESCO Real Estate, Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc. (JLL), and Colliers International. Brent Painter, our Economic Development Director, was quoted in the article, "All respondents have strong national and global reach, which speaks to their interest in our city and the economic viability of our city." The article went on to talk about the timeline, with water, sewer, electrical lines, and utility lines being completed by October. I do want to share one comment again for folks to understand the positive vibe that we are getting. Terry Coyne, who is the Vice Chair in Cleveland for Newmark (stated), "A great site. Going to do well. I have bought property and have done a lot of work in Strongsville. It's a great city, with great leadership, a great site, and fantastic incentives."

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark (cont'd): We all know that's going on, but externally, beyond our city, it's getting press in Crain's Cleveland Business, and it's getting press in a lot of other places - I wanted to highlight that. As it was mentioned, I think it was in everybody's box. Let's go back to last week, April 15, 2025. Crain's published an article highlighting how Activate Games selected the Strongsville Mall for their site. They hired CBRE, a global national real estate firm, the biggest one, to help and advise them where to pick in Northeast Ohio, and they picked Strongsville Mall. There's a quote in there: "We looked all over - east, west, and south, and decided on Strongsville due to the demographics and just the amount of retail activity out in Strongsville - just another great concept to bring to all the entertainment options in the Strongsville market." We know Dick's Sporting Goods, obviously a very successful company, chose Strongsville for their House of Sports. These are organizations that hire experts. They continue to advise them on the best places to pick, and they continue to pick us - they are selecting Strongsville. That was last week on April 15, 2025, in Crain's. Also last week, on April 15th, we had Dave Gutheil, who is the interim president and CEO of the Port of Cleveland, come to speak at the Chamber of Commerce. We had several members from the Economic Development Committee meeting at that; and we kind of said, 'Hey, let's go check that out this month.' Dave talked about not only the logistics gateway that the Port of Cleveland is known for; but the connection to the global economy, the increase in containers flowing in and out of Cleveland, the growth of Cleveland being a very popular stop on, believe it or not, cruise ships. Also, some of the lesser-known things, and this is where our business community comes to that meeting...the Port is very helpful with financing when alternative methods are needed. They also...Dave talked about and highlighted FTZs, which are Foreign Trade Zones. It's just another thing that makes sense for some of our global businesses here in our industrial parks. I know following that meeting, some of our businesses have followed up with and met with the Ports of Cleveland.

Mayor Perciak - That was the amazing part.

Mr. Clark - Wasn't it great?

Mayor Perciak - They couldn't believe that it was actually happening.

Mr. Clark - The timing was so perfect. They had asked about it, and that was already queued up. They are just continuing...they met in person right after the meeting, and so...just a lot of good things. It all comes down to getting people together, getting them to connect and learn more about each other, and how they can win together. A lot of great success in Strongsville, and we hope it continues. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

Ms. Roff - I do have a couple of comments and/or questions. Where does this fall in line with our plan that we had that we paid money for a development plant to come in? I know we just rezoned some property on Marks Road into residential, so I don't want this land to go and then be turned...

Mayor Perciak - What land are you talking about?

Ms. Roff - The land that is at...the 90-acres that's for sale that he (Tom Clark) mentioned.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

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

Mayor Perciak - As far as that, what we are doing is we are going to be sitting and interviewing these four different brokers. We are going to pick a broker, and at that point, it will be placed for sale. Then, we are going to come back to the Council with anybody who has an interest in it. It's going to be light manufacturing, or it's going to be something to do with the tech industry. We have a little issue with some of the tech industry because of the power plant and the power grid. We are going to have to be careful with what we put in there. It's just like now; we had to go in and put this whole brand-new waterline in. I asked Ken Mikula this morning as to how much is that finally going to be...the final cost on that, and I don't have that number yet. This is what is actually going to go in there. It's going to be light manufacturing. It's not going to be warehouse.

Ms. Roff - It concerns me too because there's no truck traffic in those two streets, correct?

Mayor Perciak - I'm sorry?

Ms. Roff - There's no truck traffic, too, where the parcel is, correct?

Mayor Perciak - There is going to be truck traffic into there, yes, but it's going to be a cul-de-sac, and they are going to have to come back out. They can't use Boston Road or Marks Road.

Mr. Clark - A good example...we toured CCL Design's facility - research and development right next to where that extension is going to be. Again, this is one person's opinion, and it's not one that responded to the RFP, but Terry Coyne actually pointed out that it is likely, and possible, to be a business that is already doing business in Strongsville and needs an opportunity for growth. We have several of those, but also attracting others. Businesses like that, the ones that have done well here and others that are very similar to them, are obviously what...again, these organizations hire professionals that tell them where to locate. It's likely that it will be very similar to some of the businesses that are already quite successful here.

Ms. Roff - Okay.

Mr. Clark - Then, you mentioned about the real estate. That's the stuff that we rezoned. That's on the other side of the railroad track that runs through there.

Ms. Roff - Yes.

Mr. Clark - As the Mayor said, the truck traffic...today CCL Design is the last business on the right. The former accounting, construction, and finance organization... Foundation Software, was the last one on the left. It's just continuing down that road.

Ms. Roff - What about the piece of property, though, that's on the back end of that, that is abutting up towards Boston Road?

Mr. Clark - If it's abutting up...if it's not part of that 90-acres...is that what you are talking about?

Ms. Roff - Yes.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

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

Mr. Clark - So, beyond the 90-acres abutting Boston Road, if it's not in the scope of that, it's not what that real estate agency, whoever is selected, would represent.

Mayor Perciak - That is correct.

Ms. Roff - Okay.

Mayor Perciak - There is talk over there that Pride One wants to build townhouses there, but we haven't received anything. We have been going back and forth with them, but that's all there is. For us to believe that, that is going to be manufacturing or anything along those lines, you can't get any truck traffic into Boston Road there or at Marks Road. We would be dealing with three counties in three different municipalities. I just don't see that as a possibility by today's standards unless something happens with that corner there, or something changes with the counties and they decide to get together and expand that over there, but I don't see much.

Ms. Roff - Once it's sold off, it's sold off though.

Mayor Perciak - It's not going to be manufacturing or commercial as of today.

Ms. Roff - Okay.

Mr. Short - Thank you, Mr. Clark. Any other questions for Mr. Clark?

(No questions)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff: I have just one. That is Ordinance No. 2025-041, which is basic housekeeping just to reup our salt contract through ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation). Suspend and adopt is the recommendation.

Mr. Short - Any questions for Ms. Roff on that legislation?

(No questions)

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Ms. Kosek: Thank you, Mr. Short. For Public Safety and Health, I have two. Ordinance No. 2025-042, which would authorize the Mayor to apply for financial assistance for the D.A.R.E program, which would hopefully provide salary for one D.A.R.E officer and two S.R.O officers. Hopefully, we would be awarded that. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt that. Ordinance No. 2025-043 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Stryker for the purchase of 5 new chest compression systems and to trade in four older chest compression systems. After the trade-in, the purchase would be just under \$70,000.00 and would be paid through the emergency vehicle fund. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt that. The other thing that I just wanted to talk about briefly is that April is Autism Acceptance Month. In April, we celebrate and honor the experiences and identities of autistic individuals.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Ms. Kosek (cont'd): The purpose of Autism Acceptance Month, is to foster understanding, inclusion, and support and to move beyond awareness towards meaningful acceptance. To the autistic individuals, their families, and loved ones, please know that I see you and the challenges and achievements that you go through every day. I celebrate the amazing ways that you make the world a better place and are valuable members of the community. I'm so thankful for the autistic and neurodivergent people in my life, and they have made my life richer and more interesting. I just want to take a minute to honor them as part of Autism Acceptance Month.

Mr. Short - Thank you, Ms. Kosek.

Mayor Perciak - I second that, Ms. Kosek.

Ms. Kosek - Thank you. I knew that you would, Mayor, as well as Mr. Kaminski.

Ms. Roff - I think you have a full group here that supports your words.

Mr. Short - Yes, I appreciate you bringing that to our attention.

Ms. Roff - Thank you.

Mr. Short - Absolutely, thank you for that. Are there any questions for Ms. Kosek?

(No questions)

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Kosek:

(No report)

Mr. Short - Next, we go to the birthday boy. Happy 60th, Mr. Kaminski. Thank you for being...and this is actually your birthday today?

Mr. Kaminski - Yes, it sure is - April, 21st.

Mr. Short - Thank you for spending it with us.

Ms. Kosek - If Mr. DeMio was here, he would be saying we should be singing Happy Birthday.

Mr. Kaminski - I'll spare you.

Ms. Roff - And he has to stand up while we sing, right?

Mr. Jamison - Well, he's not here.

(Laughter)

Mr. Short - I'll spare us and the public that.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Kaminski: Well, thank you for that. I appreciate it very much. Tonight, we have two ordinances. Ordinance No. 2025-044 is an application for funding to purchase a vehicle for our Senior Wheels program, which is a very critical program here. The recommendation is suspension and adoption on that. Ordinance No. 2025-045 allows us to sign another contract for the purchase of natural gas for our municipal facilities including the recreation center. That does include a little bit of savings in that new 3-year contract, so congratulations on that negotiation Eric. That's a great one. The recommendation is suspension and adoption on that as well. That concludes my report.

Mr. Short - Thank you, Mr. Kaminski. Any questions for Mr. Kaminski?

(No questions)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Spring: Thank you, President Short. First off today, we have Ordinance No. 2025-046. This is an ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to issue and approve a change order in connection with the Phase II Foltz Parkway Extension project we were just talking about. This is to connect an existing offsite storm sewer to the new box culvert. The change order is in the amount of \$32,990.00, bringing the new total project cost to \$4,289,265.90. The recommendation on that one is to suspend and adopt. Next, we have two together - Ordinance No. 2025-047 and Ordinance No. 2025-048. The first one is an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with FLO Global Management Services in connection with the activation, operation, and management of the electric vehicle charging station which is right here outside our doors. In connection with that, we also have Ordinance No. 2025-048, which is an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a performance warranty agreement with FLO Services USA. This is all in connection with the electrical charging station, which we have right here between us and Mitchell's Ice Cream. If there are no questions, the recommendation is to suspend and adopt. That will conclude my report.

Mr. Short - Thank you, Mr. Spring. Any other questions?

(No questions)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes, the meeting started standing room only as the board recognized some amazing winter athletes. It was great to see a lot of family and friends supporting the young men and women of our district. Also, Treasurer George Anagnostou gave a brief update on changes that could be happening with our school's state funding. "It may look like a bump in funding, but actually the schools will be losing revenue due to the state not funding the formula." This is going to be communicated out as they get more information about that. This will cause the school's five-year forecast also to be off. A follow-up discussion to the school's transportation issue regarding having adequate drivers to cover the bus routes. We talked about the challenges the schools were having getting workers to come in to drive our children to and from work (school). The state minimum is one mile, so that was one of the recommendations. It looks like next school year they are going to expand it to one mile and a quarter. The board also discussed next steps in the bond levy issue that would be placed on the May 26th ballot. It was decided to hold a special meeting with a group of community members, staff, and parents to review the master facilities recommendation to see if they still agree with the original plan. The next board meeting will be Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the administration building.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. Clark - Jim, is that special meeting going to be on April 28th?

Mr. Carbone - That is going to be on April 28th, yes. I don't think I am going to be able to go to that, but I will try.

Mr. Short - Any other questions for Mr. Carbone?

(No questions)

Mr. Short - Thank you, Mr. Carbone.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:

(No report)

FINANCE – Mr. Short: We don't have any ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda. However, I would like to defer to our Finance Director, Mr. Dean, on the ability, in the future with our next bond offering, for the citizens of Strongsville to purchase the City of Strongsville Municipal bonds through a program. Mr. Dean, the floor is yours to share that with the public.

Mr. Dean - This is something our underwriter mentioned - that retail is a big buyer of these bonds. We are not out there to promote anything; we are just letting people know that there is an option to invest in the city. I think we will have more information moving forward - that is something new. I haven't heard from an underwriter offering bonds. We would be happy to provide more information later.

Mr. Short - At this point, we don't have any bond offerings currently.

Mayor Perciak - We really need to walk with this before we move forward. Both Eric and I have talked to Neal about the proper language, should we decide to do anything with that. As you know, you're a lawyer, and I don't have to tell you that there are all kinds of ramifications now in that market. All kinds of disclosures that need to be made. I'm not a lawyer, so Neal, Kelly, or Gordon, you have to understand, I don't want to walk down a path here that may in some way cause us some distress.

Mr. Short - I understand, and I'm sure once it's available it will be done through a broker dealer, or registered investment advisors that provide those services...those offerings to their clients.

Mr. Jamison - Yes, I think to follow up with what the Mayor said, we have to be careful in terms of...it doesn't look like we are promoting the purchase of that because that puts us in a whole different position. I think that is something we can look at and approach down the road.

Mr. Short - Just to be clear, any retail investor can buy it. You don't have to be a citizen of Strongsville. It will be open to the public and somebody in California can buy them if they wanted to.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Mr. Short (cont'd):

Mr. Jamison - Correct.

Mr. Short - It's interesting and I think if...as we go down that path we can let the public know through the proper channels.

Mayor Perciak - Long, long time ago, before I came around, there were some offerings. I remember our former Mayor talking about that and how it was done, but that has to be 25 years ago. Since then, all of these laws have changed. I just don't want to be in violation of something or another. Until we get an answer that would definitely...can we maybe refer a resident to the broker? I think that might be okay, but that's where it has to end.

Mr. Short - Correct...absolutely. It's good to know that at least people have the ability now to buy ...potentially buy our bonds if they are interested.

Mayor Perciak - As long as they are tax free.

Mr. Short - I was going to say, they should be tax free, the municipal bonds, that is correct.

Mayor Perciak - Another thing before we forget, Mr. President and Mr. Chairman of the Finance Committee, we should have a Finance Committee meeting here. We haven't met as a group yet with Council ever since we approved the budget in talking with Eric...just for some updates and highlights.

Mr. Short - We will do that and maybe send an email to look at the dates.

Mayor Perciak - That's for a meeting.

Mr. Short - Yes, for a meeting.

(Unintelligible background conversation)

Mayor Perciak - No, that has to be a separate meeting...

Mr. Short - A separate meeting.

Mayor Perciak - ...because there is a lot to cover.

Mr. Short - We will circulate some dates and get back to you, sooner rather than later, given the changing economic conditions.

Mayor Perciak - You saw what happened in the market again today. You saw...those of us, as my granddaughter calls me, a fossil, who actually get the Plain Dealer, you see the front page of the Plain Dealer on Saturday about no hiring and what we are beginning to see as far as our remittance from RITA, so yes, we need to have a meeting.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Mr. Short (cont'd):

Mr. Short - What about next Monday for this? We don't have any Economic Development Committee meetings or anything next week?

(Unintelligible background conversation)

Mr. Short - We will circulate a date...

Mayor Perciak - As long as we do it in the next month.

Mr. Short - We will circulate a date amongst all of us, and we will let you know. We will give you a few options Mr. Mayor, but I agree, we should probably have that meeting.

Mayor Perciak - It's just to keep everybody up to date, just so that everybody understands what we are doing and how we are doing it to deal with the current...

Mr. Short - The economic climate.

Mayor Perciak - ...climate. Yes, thank you. By the way, it's an irritation.

Ms. Roff - How long are you thinking? An hour or an hour and a half? Could we do it before a meeting?

Mayor Perciak - It all depends on how many questions everybody asks. I'm serious...I'm not being...

Ms. Roff - Can we do like a 5:30/6:00 p.m. before our meeting?

Mayor Perciak - No.

Ms. Roff - No, okay.

Mayor Perciak - I really think we need to. Eric will give you the updates, and he will give you the copies of things. We need some meaningful discussion so that people understand what we are dealing with, how we are dealing with it, and some of the recommendations that we are going to have. Simply because of what is going on now, Eric could be a superman, and we can't control that. We could have some very serious issues if some of these former trading partners decide to start getting rid of some of our bonds across the United States. As most of you know, the European nations - China and Japan buy a lot of the U.S. treasuries. If they start dumping these bonds and treasuries, this will have an impact on our dollar; it trickles down, so don't let anyone kid you. We need just to have...to update everybody as to what we understand things to be and where we are at. Eric will have things ready to show you where our cash flow is, where everything is, and how things are being affected by what's actually going on, on a national level.

Mr. Short - Alright, well we will get that out sooner than later. We will get a few dates, and send to you, to see what works for your calendars.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Mr. Short (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak - It's not sending out any alarms. It's just making everybody aware and what we believe needs to be done to make certain that Strongsville stays in a financial position it's in.

Mr. Short - Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Short: We have one ordinance. Ordinance No. 2025-049; this is to allow the administration to establish the conditions necessary for purchasing through the cooperative agencies that are out there for supplies and other needs by the City of Strongsville. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Any questions?

(No questions)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK:

(None)

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.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

(None)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2025-041 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL SALT CONTRACT (018-26) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DURING THE 2025-2026 SEASON; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone 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. Carbone, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2025-041 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2025-042 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION ("DARE") LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone 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. Carbone, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-042 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2025-043 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRYKER FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) NEW LUCAS 3 CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEMS WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES FOR USE BY THE CITY'S FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND FOR TRADE-IN OF FOUR (4) EXISTING LUCAS 2 CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEMS, WITH CREDIT TO BE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE, ALL WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone 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. Carbone, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-043 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2025-044 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FOR FUNDING FROM NOACA FOR 2025 THROUGH THE ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S SENIOR WHEELS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone 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. Carbone, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-044 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2025-045 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLYING NATURAL GAS FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER FROM UNITED ENERGY TRADING, LLC, FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone 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. Carbone, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-045 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2025-046 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND FECHKO EXCAVATING, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLTZ PARKWAY EXTENSION PHASE II PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone 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. Carbone, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-046 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2025-047 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVATION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION AT THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE PUBLIC SQUARE AREA PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone 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. Carbone, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-047 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2025-048 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PERFORMANCE WARRANTY AGREEMENT WITH FLO SERVICES USA, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION AT THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE PUBLIC SQUARE AREA PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone 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. Carbone, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-048 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2025-049 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 238.10 OF CHAPTER 238 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS FOR GOVERNMENT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone 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. Carbone, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-049 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)


MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Short adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.


Marialena Beach
Council Secretary


Date