

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023.**

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, May 1, 2023, at 7:45 p.m.**

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

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 7:49 p.m.

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

Finance Committee: Chairwoman Kosek advised Ordinance No. 2023-066 is an Ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses of the City of Strongsville, Ohio, for the year 2023 and repealing Ordinance No. 2023-037. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-067 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$725,721.50 for the resurfacing of Whitney Road in the City of Strongsville. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-068 is an ordinance amending the purchase price in section 1 of Ordinance No. 2022-104, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a State of Ohio administrative services contract with Life Line Emergency Vehicles, Inc. (through authorized dealer Pfund Superior Sales Co., Inc.) in the total amount not to exceed \$657,912.00 for the purchase of two (2) 2023 freightliner M2 Chassis Life Line "Highliner" ambulances, together with related vehicle specifications and modifications for use by the fire department. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Upon speaking with Jack Draves, Chief of Fire, Mr. Kaminski stated that the contract purchase price needed to be amended after some additional features and adjustments were added to the freightliners increasing the initial contract purchase price. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2023-069; a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) units and related equipment for use by the City of Strongsville Fire and Emergency Services Department.

Public Service & Conservation Committee: Chairman DeMio advised Ordinance No. 2023-070 is an ordinance ratifying, authorizing, and approving participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation annual salt contract for a total amount of 7,000 tons, for the use by the service department of the City of Strongsville during the 2023-2024 season. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Other Business:

Mayor Perciak wanted to thank Mr. Dave Erwine from Slim and Chubby's, who sponsored a fundraiser for the City of Strongsville boy's and girl's lacrosse teams to help rebuild Strongsville's Allen fields due to turfing. Mayor Perciak mentioned that there was a lot of support, and the proceeds from the fundraiser go completely to Strongsville Lacrosse.

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CALL TO ORDER:

Council President James E. Carbone called the meeting to order at 8:00 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. 2004-273.

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 17, 2023, were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark: Thank you President Carbone, there was a Strongsville City School Board meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023. I was not able to attend live, because I was at the Northern Ohio City Council Association event with my colleague, NOACCA President, Mr. Gordon Short. I watched the school board meeting virtually over the past weekend; everyone has the ability to go to www.strongnet.org and watch that at any time. First, today is "National Principal's Day", so I want to recognize our high, middle, and elementary school principals. Speaking of our elementary schools, I know that...I see Mayor Perciak and Councilwoman Roff recently visited the Chapman Elementary School; I believe the lesson was on local government. I see, by the stacks of "thank you" notes that you each received, that it was a big hit. Thank you for partnering with our schools. At the school board meeting, there was a lot of recognition. I can't go into all of it for time's sake; but for the tenth year in a row...the tenth consecutive year, the music department was recognized for excellence from a national association; one of only 46 districts in the State of Ohio to receive that. The swim team, which had several boys and girls swimming and diving, receiving state recognition. We had two gymnasts that received state recognition. Most of you heard of Cal Klinzing's project for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. If you recall, we set a record last year and Strongsville outdid that. They took second overall; and raised \$94,000.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I know a lot of people were a big part of that; it was a community effort. That is what Cal stressed and that is what his mother stressed in talking with her. Thank you to the community because it wasn't a small task. There was a good amount of comment at the meeting. Most of the business portion of the meeting centered around the elementary facilities project, and really, plans for next year. As we are increasing beyond capacity, they explored many of those plans. The community should know, there will be temporary units that we are approved to move forward with.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark (cont'd): Those will be one unit located at Chapman. They will revisit it as they are managing and making decisions based on the forecast as we often have to do. Again, plead with the community to register as early as you can for classes; and not just kindergarten. If you are exiting, let us know so that they have the accurate information. From the finance report for the month ending March 31, 2023, the year-to-date revenue was trending \$1.7 million favorable to forecast. Expenditures, unfortunately, were trending unfavorably; but all in all, the overall favorable forecast to the cash balance is in good standing. In May, Treasurer George Anagnostou will provide, as he is required to, the 5-year forecast update. I want to talk a bit about upcoming events, some of which have passed. We are getting close to the end of school here. They will have this weekend...the Strongsville Education Foundation has their fundraiser this Saturday, May 5, 2023, at the recreation center. We have the next Board of Education meeting on May 11, 2023; and then again on May 25, 2023. I'll say that the second one is going to be at the Strongsville Auditorium. I mention that now because it's a different place. That concludes my report on the school board pending any questions.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Clark:

(No report)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you, Mr. Carbone. We did not have a board meeting for Southwest General since our last Council meeting; but I do have the monthly update from Bill Young, the President and CEO...just some high-level notes. It was a very busy first quarter at Southwest General as patient volume increased nearly in every area across the organization in the prior year. Also, some good progress was made in a number of key strategic initiatives at the hospital. Mainly, the quality of care and patient metrics remain very good. They are performing close to or better than expected in a number of areas including hospital-acquired conditions, and readmission rates. Patient experience feedback is improving and patient volume in the employed medical group has been good and also continues to grow. I think we are seeing people post-Covid now come back to see their doctors and visit the hospital in person. In terms of payments and collections, that has been better than expected. They even met the system to receive full reimbursement for services provided to patients. In terms of some of...as the Mayor says, being a CPA, I do have to talk about some of the accounting. Our net revenue is above budget for the year due to this increase in volume that has generated positive cash flow to date for the system. Salary and wage expenses continue to be the biggest challenge. As we know, across all industries not just health care, we have an increase in expenses. Inflation continues to also work to impact the bottom line; however, they continue to maintain positive cash flow which is a good thing. Lastly, capital items approved for the current budget are continued to be worked on and that capital is being committed to those projects. I think that will be all; that will conclude my report on Southwest General. Again, as I always say, it is a great asset in the community to have in our backyard our neighbor, Middleburg Heights; for the residents of Strongsville. That concludes my report on Southwest General, but I will happily take any questions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short: We did meet last Monday, April 24, 2023, here in Council Chambers. The Mayor, the President of Council Jim Carbone, and our Economic Director Brent Painter were there with the Committee, as well as my Vice Chair Tom Clark. We were there to meet with Brent Painter, our Director of Economic Development, and the Montrose Group. They are being hired by the city to put together an economic development strategic plan for the next 10 years in Strongsville which was headed by the Montrose Group.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short (cont'd): We had a very good dialogue on the pros of what has gone well in Strongsville and what we have been doing to continue to enhance and increase our businesses and our business partners in Strongsville to build that tax base in the city...there were questions around that. They also took our feedback on what we could do better, where we can improve, and where they see the city in the next 10 years in terms of our economic development and growth. With that information, they will prepare a report; and I believe in about three to four months, come back to us with the drafted report of their findings. With that Aimee, I will submit that to the record for the Economic Development Committee meeting last Monday, April 24, 2023. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio: Thank you so much. We have Ordinance No. 2023-070 which is our annual contract for salt; 7,000 tons or so and as usual, we try to be early with that to make sure we are good to have our roads safe. If May continues as cold as it is, the Mayor may have to spread some salt down.

Mayor Perciak – I hope not.

Mr. DeMio – Other than that, we are going to ask to vote on that tonight and go forward, that's it.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much, any questions for Mr. DeMio?

(No comments)

FINANCE – Ms. Kosek: Yes, thank you, we have one ordinance tonight. It's Ordinance No. 2023-066. This is our appropriations ordinance updating our budget. We've received a memo from the finance department today, and Mr. Dean is here if anybody has any questions. If no one has any questions, I just ask that we suspend and adopt tonight. That's all I have Jim.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski: We only have one item on the agenda this evening. Ordinance No. 2023-067 which is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the resurfacing of Whitney Road. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. I also know that they are starting several of the road projects in the city; so just pay attention to all the traffic signs, and bear with us as we make these improvements to the streets that are very much needed. We appreciate your patience. Other than that ordinance, that concludes my report for Planning, Zoning, and Engineering, unless we have any additional questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: We have one ordinance, Ordinance No. 2023-068; that is amending the purchase price for two Highliner ambulances that were ordered late last year. They had to make some adjustments to that purchase. The recommendation on that is suspension and adoption this evening. Finally, we have Resolution No. 2023-069 which is authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for contained breathing apparatus units for use in the fire department. Those are budgeted items for this year; so, we want to go ahead and suspend and adopt that resolution as well. That concludes my report for Public Safety and Health this evening; I will be happy to take any questions.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Ms. Roff:

(No report)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Carbone:

(No report)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Carbone:

(No report)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you, Mr. President, good evening everyone. Just a quick reminder, I think Councilman Clark brought to your attention, that our Strongsville Education Foundation will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, May 5, 2023, right here at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. I don't know if any tickets are still available; tables have been purchased. Again, this is this coming Saturday, May 5, 2023. On May 8, 2023, and May 7, 2023, to those of you who attended St. Joseph and John's grade schools, our own Sister Rita is going to be celebrating 70 years as a vowed nun from the Order of Sisters of St. Joseph. Seventy years with the parish on Sunday, May 7, 2023, and then with all the school children, Monday, May 8, 2023, at 8:10 a.m. That's when I was asked to attend because I think Sister will be very happy to see...and by the way, even though she has been a teacher for 70 years, she still comes in and tutors our kids in our school at St. Joseph and John. She has not given up her profession. When she took her vows, she took them seriously. If you see her, please congratulate her...70 years is a long time to do anything. Sister Rita, God Bless and thank you for all you've done for our children in the Strongsville community. Mr. President, that ends my report.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, Sir.

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

Mr. Carbone – Thank you.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Shrea Kellums, 3450 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: My name is Shrea Kellums, 3450 Boston Road, and I'm in Brunswick. I just basically have a little comment that has been bothering me. I really can't understand why Strongsville is so focused on having this exit on Boston Road. When I drive down Howe Road, most of the traffic turns onto Drake Road. I'm not trying to say, because I feel bad for Drake Road, but I think that would be the better place for it. I don't...there has to be a reason why you guys are set on Boston Road. I have ideas...I don't know if it's true or not, but that's just really...I don't understand it. I don't see the problem with the Brunswick people, I see it more with Strongsville. Mostly, out by the mall and going out to eat; that's where it's the worst. As you go down and you go to Drake Road to Boston Road, there's not that much traffic. That's all...I just wanted to share that with you, thank you.

(Applause)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – I appreciate you coming up and your comments, anybody else?

James Evanoff, 3649 Ascot Drive, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: James Evanoff, 3649 Ascot Drive, Brunswick. A couple of things...last time I was here I spoke about some failed leadership from Strongsville City Council. I'm going to speak about it again a little bit tonight. An article from April 20, 2019, in the Post Newspaper referencing Councilman Matt Schonhut said, and I quote, "A round-a-bout at Howe Road and Shurmer Road is a step in the right direction to controlling traffic on Howe Road." Well, the city put some bids out for some things and per an article from the August 25, 2020 edition of Cleveland.com, they agreed to a change order to pay for design changes and then immediately tabled all work or any proposal for that round-a-bout there. The traffic problem you guys keep referencing with Howe Road is a problem of your own making because you won't do anything about it. On May 11, 2021, the Greater Ohio Policy Center releases an online article, "NOACCA board says, 'No to interchange at Boston Road.'" Here we are, less than two years later, and we are still going about it. Last year, Strongsville City Council does what? They signed a contract after getting some grant money with the state saying, "Hey, we need to investigate an exit at Boston Road." Have you guys directed any investigation into cost, feasibility, or traffic relief to a Drake Road location? I tell you what I'm going to do, I'm going to public records everything, and I would like to see where you guys spent the money on that. If you did it, that means you guys are lying about things. You are intent on putting this on Boston Road. Mr. Short, you talked about your economic development plans with your industrial parkway. Will you sit here and commit right now that the City of Strongsville will never, ever, ever in its lifetime, pursue a Boston Road exit to Foltz Industrial Parkway? Can you give me that commitment right now? Can the city write an ordinance right now saying that will never happen? You're sitting there smiling, that tells me what? It's on your guys' agenda, that's what you're telling me right now by sitting there with that smirk on your face. Mr. Carbone, in your 2020 election information from your own site, you champion a Boston Road exit and a Foltz Industrial Parkway expansion. March 15, 2022, from another Post Newspaper article...I'm sorry, this one here is from Strongsville's own City Council page...government page. March 15, 2022, Mayor Perciak says, "Meetings again to move the project forward on Boston Road." I speak about failed leadership. The only leadership you seem to have is the full intention of putting an exit at Boston Road. Where is your traffic ordinance? It says that Mayor Perciak says, "We follow the law." Where's your traffic ordinance that says, "Hey, delivery drivers, you can't be on this road at this time?" Where's your ordinance amending your garbage contracts and/or all future contracts that Republic Services won't be on that road? I don't see it anywhere. I didn't see it up here tonight. That's what I'm talking about here; it's your guys' city. Here's another one for leadership...you keep talking about you want to follow the law and everything. Why isn't this Council at least putting an emergency resolution for tonight saying, "Not only are we going to pay for whatever we have to incur since we want this so bad there, we will pay all of Brunswick's share if the state doesn't pay for it including moving a high-pressure gas line." I don't see that on the agenda tonight, why not? How about saying, "We encourage all of the State of Ohio if they are going to use eminent domain to remove people from their homes, they overpay tremendously and give the people the money and relief they need now so they can move on with their lives." A lot of the people that you are going to take their homes from for this project, probably have mortgages if they have one at 3%. What's the current rate...6%? What does that mean...you have less borrowing power if you have to take a new mortgage; and I can guarantee you, I know exactly what the plan is. We're going to wait until the market gets a little soft, and we're going to give people less time. If you guys want to be about leadership, act like real leaders and say, "This is what we are going to do and this is why we want to do it."

(Applause)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Scott Graham, 19211 Timber Creek Circle, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Scott Graham, 19211 Timber Creek Circle; so, I am on the Strongsville side. I just want to make some comments about the same topic. Living on the Strongsville side, we don't live right on Boston Road, but we live in a development off Boston Road. We are concerned about "Boston Highway". I think it's pretty obvious that the mall may be part of the issue. He is right about most of the traffic dissipating at Drake Road and would that traffic now use this exit? Probably. I think it's all because of the development of western Strongsville. We don't want Boston Road to become a highway, especially the trucks. It just seems like that's what is going to happen. I just wanted to make those comments. One final comment I really didn't come here prepared to talk about...the celebration by some of the people that were so against Howe Road and now celebrating, don't seem to have that same care about the people on Boston Road. There seemed to be a lot of effort behind Howe Road and taking care of those people; but now that it's Boston Road, everybody is celebrating. That's all I had to say.

(Applause)

Nancy Frognowski, 465 Pembroke Cove, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Good evening, my name is Nancy Frognowski. I live at 465 Pembroke Cove, Brunswick. I live off of North Carpenter; so, I have my concerns as everyone else with the interchange there at Boston Road. I realize I won't get answers to these questions right now, but I am curious...we talked about the study that's being done that Strongsville is conducting at the Boston Road interchange. I'm curious what the status is of that study. Who is doing the study? What exactly do they look at in determining this? That's pretty much just what I want to say; but obviously, entering my opinion again that this is just not a good move for the people of Brunswick and those people of Strongsville that live in that area, thank you.

(Applause)

Mike Kellums, 3450 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Good evening, my name is Mike Kellums, 3450 Boston Road. We do live on the north coast of Medina County in Brunswick. I'm here to discuss the I-71 Boston Road interchange. I just used some observations...I didn't bring any notes or anything like that. As a matter of fact, I was watching an interview on one of the news stations, Route 82 is the highest accident rate in Cuyahoga County; a few members of the Council have stated it too. It's like, "We created this mess, we're going to Disney World." You created the mess on Route 82. Yes, it is a mess and then sometimes you try to compare it with our Route 303. Our Route 303, if we have an hour and a half of rush hour in the morning and an hour and a half of rush hour at night, we are lucky. I personally know that for a fact. Route 82 is a problem. I agree with that, but keep it in Strongsville. There is no reason to disrupt our lives in Brunswick on that side...just no reason at all. You have Drake Road, you have...you can put a slip ramp on Howe Road; there's plenty of property there. You have a State Representative in your back pocket and he goes...I see him go for things in Strongsville more than anywhere else that he represents. I had contact with him. When a representative that I can't vote for, I couldn't help out in the least way, and he contacts me and wants to sell me on it saying, "We need this, this is for Brunswick's good and Brunswick's welfare," you know it's wrong. When our own Governor says that the House Bill was passed unconventionally...it was slid in there. Why is Tom Patton so on board with Strongsville? Someone put the bug in his ear, "This is what we want, Tom...get this for us." He snuck it in there. I have been in contact with Senator Mark Romanchuk and Representative Max Miller, and they are working on it at the state level. That's all I have to say, it's just getting out of hand. Strongsville created the problem on Route 82...it is a problem and I agree, it's probably a high accident rate, there is no doubt about that. You have all those trucks and cars coming off; but you created the problem, fix the problem in your city. Thanks, I appreciate the time.

(Applause)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Jeff Moulden, 3218 Hartwick Circle, Wade Farms, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Thanks for your time, it's Jeff Moulden. I live at 3218 Hartwick Circle in Wade Farms in Brunswick. I just wanted to start off...this is the first time I have come up. Thank you for your time. I don't want to be confrontational; I just want to tell you my story. I moved...I was a long-time Strongsville resident and I went to Baldwin Wallace. I lived in the Cherry Tree, and Chestnut Lake apartments when I got out. I love Strongsville. I moved away and came back. Whenever I came back, I wanted to find a good place to live. I was getting married and I knew I was going to have a family. I saw Boston Road...I saw Wade Farms going in and I thought to myself my wife wants a nice neighborhood where kids are going to grow and grow up with their families. To me, it didn't matter whether it was in Strongsville or the Brunswick side; it was that area. I totally consider that a community. I run all the time, I would go on bike rides and take my kids, I go through Chandler Commons all the time and I view that as a community. My point and the reason that I don't want the slip...or this ramp at Boston Road is because I am 100% confident, and I have been for the last 10 years, that when it goes in, Boston Road between West 130th and Pearl Road will turn into a place that is, over the years, going to be commercialized. It will cause me to find another place to go. I'm staying here...I know that I live in Brunswick and you guys are mostly concerned about Strongsville; I understand. I'm staying in this area because I love the area. As a matter of fact, I love your town. I belong to the recreation center here in Strongsville. I pay twice as much to go to the recreation center...I'm sure I have seen some of you before at the recreation center. I love it, it's a great place. I go to eat in Strongsville all the time...I do everything...I go to the mall all of the time. This is my community; but when you put that ramp in, if you're able to force it in and I do not like the way it was put into the Bill. I emailed Mike DeWine...I did all of that; if you put that in, it will cause me and families like me to move. It will 100% because I don't want to live, and I hate to disparage any area, but I don't want to be how Parma is where you have a street with all these great houses and great neighborhoods and you have McDonald's or a gas station at the end of your street. I live away from the highway and I live away from Boston Road. I know these people are a lot more affected probably than I am. I'm trying to rally my neighborhood to get them to come because I feel safe letting my kids play with the other kids in the neighborhood. If that goes in, I will not...I will not. I have already told my wife; she has no choice in it. If that goes in, I'm out. It makes me mad because 5 years ago I looked at moving to Hinckley and I looked at moving to Medina but my wife pressured me to stay in that area. We threw a whole bunch of money into our property and I know a lot of people in our development did too because want to be part of this community. When things like this happen, and when you commercialize an area, that in my opinion...I don't know if any of you live there, is the best part of Strongsville and the best part of Brunswick, you're just ruining it. You already have so much commercial industry. You're getting so many more tax dollars than Brunswick is; that's on another meeting that we probably have to have. Why would you destroy one of the nicest areas of your community to put a ramp in which we all know ultimately is going to go to the Foltz Parkway? We can say that...we don't believe that now...we know eventually if that ramp goes in it will be. When the construction is done, all of the trucks will be going back and forth if we extend Foltz Parkway. Even if you don't intend for it to be a "throughway", that's what it's going to be. It's going to ruin the community the day that it happens. I know, and I don't know where any of you people live; but I know if you live there, you wouldn't want it either and that's all I have to say. What I'm saying is, whether this happens in 7 years, 5 years, or 10 years. Please rethink it. Think of other opportunities...other areas that you can put it because you're ruining a community of people that want to live there that lived there for a long time. You are ruining a community of people like me, in my neighborhood with 6-year-old, 10-year-old, and 12-year-old kids that are going to be gone. I'm flat out telling you that; so, I thank you for your time. I don't want to be confrontational, but I wanted my opinion to be known.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much.

(Applause)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Pientka – That's all that signed in Mr. President.

Mr. Carbone – Is there anybody in the audience that did not sign in that would like to come up to the podium?

Ed Radzynski, 19 North Carpenter Rd., Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Good evening gentleman, my name is Ed Radzynski, and my address is 19 North Carpenter Road. I have the lowest address on North Carpenter so I can reach out to the side of my house and I touch Strongsville. This potential interchange has a major impact on me, my wife, and my family. I had no plans to talk tonight, I was just going to come and listen, but my neighbors have inspired me. I truly see this as a Strongsville issue. I have lived in this house since 1999...so 22 years. I have seen the growth of Strongsville and I have seen the growth of Brunswick. I know the traffic patterns may be better than any of you and the issue is not Boston Road; the issue is Howe Road. If you were to take from Drake Road to Boston Road just in that area alone...I'm sorry, let's go from Shurmer Road to Drake Road. Make it three lanes... northbound, Southbound, and a turn lane; you greatly alleviate all traffic issues that your city has created. Once you get...since they are already set...once you get past Howe Road, boom, zero, doesn't happen. There's very little traffic. I lived it for 23 years. I don't see where it's incumbent on Brunswick and its residents to fix the problem that was created by the growth in Strongsville. I understand the growth, that's good. I also understand that most of you here could probably care less of inconveniencing 1000 people for the good of 100,000.00 people, or as you might see it that way. That's not how we see it. I have spent the last 20 years improving my property for my golden years. I have done the windows, the doors, the roof...all of those things. All the mechanicals...the air conditioning, the furnace, blowing in insulation all of that. Why? To enjoy my golden years. Now, where I am in my golden years; I'm 69 years old soon to be 70 years old, and I'm robbed of that. Eminent domain does not give me replacement value. I went out looking at properties over the weekend. To duplicate what I have in Brunswick would be in the \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00 range. Are you going to give me that? After that, who's going to pack me up and who's going to move me? Who's going to pay for those expenses? Oh geez, I don't have a HOA but now I'm going to have to a community that has an HOA. Who's going to bite that bullet? I'm not in my earning stages anymore. My swimming pool has one hole in the bottom and it's dripping out. The funds are going away and I don't have a way to replace those funds; I'm stuck. Do not force me out of my home. Do not force me to accept a lower standard of living that I built for myself. You done it for yourself and for your families and you want to protect that; I want to protect it for my family as well. Thank you, gentlemen.

(Applause)

Robert Winwood, 13801 Blazey Trail, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Robert Winwood, 13801 Blazey Trail, Strongsville, 39-year resident here; most of you are familiar with me. My issue is Blazey Trail...my wife and I were walking our dog tonight and we saw the signs up saying that there's going to be resurfacing and repaving tomorrow...starts tomorrow. We would have liked to have known that a week ago or two weeks ago. We just moved our RV into our driveway from our regular storage unit. We gave that up because, during the summer and Fall, it will be in the driveway. I don't know if I'm going to be able to get out next week to go on our planned RV vacation for four or five days. I guess what I am saying is, if you are going to do these kinds of things, halleluiah. Blazey Trail needs to be resurfaced; but we would like some advanced notice. I have not talked to my neighbors yet; but I think I speak for the majority of people on that street that have boats, RVs, trailers, or whatever in their yards. We need a little more advance notice than a sign up and an orange cone saying it starts tomorrow. Do we know how long this is going to last? Is there any projection...my wife used to be in the safety service business and she is thinking at least 90 days to 6 weeks to something like that?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – What I will do is have Joe Walker call you tomorrow. When you sit down, give me your phone number.

Mr. Winwood – If I had known last week, I would have kept our RV spot and it wouldn't be a problem; but I had no way of guessing, no way of knowing. That's my issue, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Absolutely, anybody else like to come up to the podium and speak? I appreciate again everybody coming up and their comments. Again, I think there are a lot of assumptions; we just don't know yet. We are going to be mindful of everything; and once we get these plans and it goes through the process, we're actually going to...I think I can speak for everybody here, we are going to do our due diligence. We are going to look through these engineering plans and see where our next step is from there. You have that promise from us.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2023-066 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2023 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-037.

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

Motion to adopt by Ms. Kosek second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-066 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-067 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE RESURFACING OF WHITNEY ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Ms. Kosek second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-067 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2023-068 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PURCHASE PRICE IN SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-104 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2023 FREIGHTLINER M2 CHASSIS LIFE LINE "HIGHLINER" AMBULANCES, TOGETHER WITH RELATED VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Ms. Kosek second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-068 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2023-069 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBAs) UNITS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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

Motion to adopt by Ms. Kosek second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2023-069 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-070 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL SALT CONTRACT (018-24) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DURING THE 2023-2024 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 Ms. Kosek to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Ms. Kosek second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-070 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

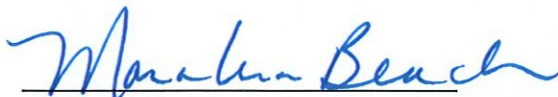
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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

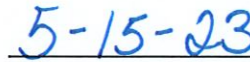
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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Carbone adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.



Marialena Beach
Council Secretary



Date