

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022.**

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 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Absent: Councilwoman Annmarie P. Roff.

Council President, Jim Carbone, called the caucus to order at 7:30 p.m.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2022-073 is to amend Section 1252.36 of the codified ordinances in connection with prohibited use of shipping and/or storage containers in residential districts. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation. This will be placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on June 20th.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2022-079 is to enter into a contract with T-Mobil USA, Inc. for the purchase of wireless in-vehicle mobile services for use by the police department. The total amount is \$12,096.00. Mr. Jamison advised the IT and police department have observed there are certain areas of the city where the laptops in the police vehicles are not getting the reception they should. This is to improve those laptops to provide better service to the officers. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt that legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for 2022-080. This is to apply for financial assistance, in connection with the American Rescue Plan Act Law Enforcement Violence Reduction & Staffing Grant, for the recruiting, hiring and retaining of staff in the police department. Mr. Jamison advised this includes the hiring and retention of radio dispatchers as well as police officers. Ordinance No. 2022-081 is to apply for financial assistance for Fiscal Year 2023, in connection with the opioid epidemic. Mr. Jamison advised this is to provide treatment and prevention in our community. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Ordinance No. 2022-082 is to file an application for financial assistance in connection with the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor program. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2022-083; an ordinance to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the radio dispatcher collective bargaining unit in connection with the hiring of applicants without civil service testing. Mr. Jamison advised it has been a challenge to hire and retain dispatchers since the regionalization of municipalities. The administration has worked with the union; and collectively, they came up with this recommendation to allow the city to hire dispatchers without having to go through the civil service process. Mayor Perciak advised, applicants no longer have to come in person to fill out an application. Applications are now available online. In addition, there is no testing fee; so these changes should positively streamline the hiring process. Ms. Kosek asked if this was going to be a permanent change and is there anything the city is losing by not having the civil service process. Mr. Jamison advised the memorandum is through the length of the unit's current contract; therefore, this will be revisited in 2 ½ years. Mayor Perciak advised Chagrin Valley Dispatch does not hire through Civil Service. The Mayor also advised there are dispatchers applying from other communities; and making them go through the civil service process is a waste of time.

Public Service & Conservation Committee: Chairman DeMio advised Ordinance No. 2022-084 is to enact a new Section 240.08 of the Codified Ordinances in order to establish a tree replacement program. Mr. DeMio asked why the language reads a percentage of cost instead of an actual dollar amount the homeowner might share in. Mr. Jamison advised the cost could vary depending on what is needed to remove and plant a tree. In addition the purchase of trees or contractor costs can vary from year to year.

Finance Committee: Chairwoman Kosek recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-085; an ordinance amending the previous TIF ordinance for Vitalia (Ordinance No. 2020-149). The amendment is to add a couple of parcels, then consolidate all those parcels, to the TIF. Mayor Perciak advised at the time, they were not building on some of these parcels and now they are. Resolution Nos. 2022-086 and 2022-087; are resolutions to place on the November ballot a .4-Mill renewal tax levy for storm sewer and storm drainage construction and renovation; and a 1.5-Mill tax renewal levy for firefighters' salaries and operating expenses, respectively. Suspension and adoption was recommended for these resolutions.

Ms. Kosek made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pertaining to the employment a public employee in the Council office. It was seconded by Mr. DeMio 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 7:47 p.m. The executive session concluded at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 18688 ROYALTON ROAD, STRONGSVILLE.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, James Carbone, called the meeting to order at 8:22 p.m.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Annmarie P. Roff.

Motion made by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio, to excuse Councilwoman Ann Roff for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 2, 2022 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 Wednesday, May 11th. As my colleagues know, we, City Council, were in an executive session that evening and I was not able to attend; however, I did watch the replay on Strongsville City School's TV, available on www.strongnet.org. In both the treasurer's and the "Business Services," there was review of matters involving health screening invoices and custodial staffing options and copier/printer leases versus buy options. A more involved presentation focused on House Bill 436, which is known by some as the "Dyslexia Law." It recently passed into law which will take effect next year. Erin Green, Director of Curriculum, shared highlights and the big ideas of that law which center around screening and intervention for dyslexia. She clarified that it is an early indicator warning, not a diagnosis of dyslexia. Strongsville City Schools is ahead of most in regards to already demonstrating best practices but will need to refine as they move forward. Strongsville City Schools will enhance and further structure their Tier 2 components. Dates and events...there is a facilities committee meeting tomorrow, May 17th. On May 26th, the school board meeting will be at Strongsville High School. It will also include some recognition and a retirement reception for retiring teachers. May 27th is the last day of school and is an early release day. Most of the school board meetings begin with recognition; but this time, it was near the end. School board Vice President, Laura Wolfe-Housum, who is in the audience here tonight, gave a shout-out to the top 5% of the graduating Class of 2022. Twenty-seven students were recognized as top 5% on May 10th at Strongsville High School. Laura shared how touching it was at the ceremony to hear these students speak about their teachers, some dating back to their elementary age and the influence they had on them. Congratulations to the top 5%. Thank you to the teachers and educational professionals that influenced these top performers. Lastly, I want to share a highlight that just happened this past weekend. A tremendous young lady, a Strongsville resident...ward 3 I believe, a junior at Strongsville High School competed in the USA Gymnastic Nationals. Kennedy Griffin is the "National Beam Champion" for USA gymnastics. Any questions regarding the school board meeting? This concludes my report, thank you.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Clark:

(No report)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Carbone, we did have a board meeting last week with the system and focused a lot on the finances of the system. Some highlights of that...I won't bore you with all the accounting details; although I'm sure Eric and the Mayor would like to get into them. The good news is that the system— even though patient volume is increasing, we are still below pre-COVID levels. Revenue is on budget at the system. It wasn't much of an increase over 2021; the revenue has hit expectations to date. With that, which is always good, there has been a slight increase on the expense side as well, mostly due to higher wages in this competitive environment. While Southwest is continuing to hire and retain good talent, that talent obviously costs more which hits the bottom line; so the budget for expenses is running slightly higher than what was projected. The good news is that the cash flow is in a very good position for the system as well as for their balance sheet is strong. All good pluses for the system under the leadership of CEO, Bill Young. We do talk a lot here about what happened with capital spending at the Cosgrove Center; but they are spending more money on capital expenditures, especially in the operating room. There were some great advancements in technology and upgrades to the systems there, especially with minimally invasive surgeries.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short (cont'd): Those should be completed by the 4th quarter of this year to continue to provide excellent quality care and to offer patients, especially with a lot of insurance companies requiring for surgeries to be done outpatient with no overnight stays and more minimally evasive techniques will be available at Southwest. Overall, I think the news from the board meeting was that we're starting to see now the other side of COVID in terms of patients getting procedures done now that were delayed because of COVID; and we're starting to see an uptick there which also leads to a good bottom line for the health system. As I always say, we are blessed to have such a great asset in our community to provide health services to Strongsville and the surrounding regions. That concludes my report, are there any questions?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short: We did not have a meeting. I'm working on setting up the next meeting, which I'm hoping to do here, probably sometime in middle to late June. I will report on that at the next meeting. Any questions there?

Mayor Perciak – Do you want to mention the June 14th...

Mr. Short – Yes, June 14th, our own Brent Painter will be delivering an economic update at the Chamber luncheon here at the rec center at noon. Tickets are available for that. If you can make it as Council, I think Brent will have some very interesting updates of what's going on here in the community. Actually on a side note, the Mayor, myself and Mr. Painter did go to visit Swagelok here in town. As you know, Swagelok has been in the community for 15 years now. They have always made some donations to our safety forces and other programs here in town. They're looking to become more of a community partner with us. They have a wonderful facility over there; a very high-tech, clean facility. They're looking to hopefully expand over there as well. Again, like anything, they're having trouble finding people to fill those shifts; but they run 3 shifts over there and it's just another example, I think, of a very good but quiet business that we have here in Strongsville. If there are any people looking for that type of work, please refer them to Swagelok. I think they will be doing more with the city as a whole. That was a very good meeting with them.

Mayor Perciak – They had their presidents here, so that was excellent.

Mr. Short – Yes, we did have some very top people from Swagelok in town.

Mayor Perciak – They're looking anywhere from 300-500 people at all 3 facilities. It was good to have them here.

Mr. Short – Yes, they want to be more engaged as well; and we will definitely assist them with that. That concludes my report but I will take any questions.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio: Thank you, we have one ordinance on the agenda tonight, Ordinance No. 2022-084, a tree replacement program. Basically, it will set the standard for residents to know what their cost for replacement is

if they want to put a tree in their tree lawn. That will be a 50% split; and we thank everybody for helping on this. We'd like to suspend and adopt that tonight, that's it.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Ms. Kosek: Yes, we have one ordinance and two resolutions tonight for the finance committee. Ordinance No. 2022-085 is an ordinance regarding the Vitalia TIF that originally passed in 2020 under Ordinance No. 2020-149. We would be amending that ordinance to include some housekeeping issues regarding some parcels that were basically renumbered. It doesn't really change anything regarding the TIF other than to provide some additional housekeeping for the Ohio Department of Taxation. That would be a suspend and adopt. Resolution No. 2022-086 is a resolution where we would ask to submit the renewal of the .4-Mill tax levy which is for purposes of constructing, reconstructing and renovating storm sewers and storm drainages. This is a renewal and this is just to take the language that we would need to put on the ballot for the November Election; I believe we're talking about the November Election. I didn't ask that question; I made the assumption. Things are a little bit different with elections this year than normal; but it would be for the November Election. Then, Resolution No. 2022-087 is a resolution that would give the language to put on the ballot for a renewal of the 1.5-Mill tax levy for the firefighter salaries and operating expenses for the ward 3 fire station. I would ask that we would suspend and adopt all of those unless anyone has any questions.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski: This evening Planning, Zoning & Engineering has one ordinance, Ordinance No. 2022-073. We're amending this ordinance in connection with the prohibited use of shipping and storage containers in residential districts. That will be a second reading.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: Ordinance No. 2022-079, this is an ordinance that is for the wireless mobile in-vehicle systems which is used by the police department. This will help them improve their internet connection when using the iPad. Ordinance No. 2022-080, this is an application for funds from the American Rescue Plan Act for the police department for the recruiting, hiring, and retaining of staff both by the police and by the dispatchers. Ordinance No. 2022-081 is authorizing the filing of an application for the law enforcement diversion program; which is related to the opioid epidemic. Ordinance No. 2022-082 is authorizing for the filing of an application in connection with the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor program. Last but not least, is Ordinance No. 2022-083 which is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the City of Strongsville and the Fraternal Order of Police, Parma Lodge, Radio Dispatcher's Unit in connection with the hiring of applicants without civil service testing. All of those are suspend and adopt this evening and I'll be happy to take any questions.
Mr. Carbone – Good question, thank you.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

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, just a quick reminder, the VFW will once again be sponsoring our Memorial Day parade. It will kick off at 11:00 a.m. from St. Josephs Church. We will proceed up Pearl Road to the center...we will not be at the gazebo at the center of town, but the gazebo on the Freedom Trail. That will all start at 11:00 a.m. and end up with the ceremony at the Freedom Trail gazebo. Number two, I will be in Columbus tomorrow for most of the day, as I am told; but one of the reasons I'm going to go is simply because there's a big discussion on pension funds for police and fire; and the escalation from the current- in some cases 20% up to 26%, which will have an impact, not only on our budget but on several other budgets. The purpose for the visit is to also meet with members of the Governor's administration to see how we can find or remediate the situation without causing any due harm. The actuarial studies are in. They're pretty clear. I really don't know how the House or the Senate is going to work around those studies; but at the end of the day, it starts there. Then, we get into the OPERS; and I'm sure once they see what happens with police and fire, this will just continue to snowball. We need to stay in front of this because this will be an ongoing forever cost. I will report back to you when I get back. Lastly, we'll also be meeting with some lawyers from Squire, Patton & Boggs to discuss the ongoing situations in Columbus as it affects our city here; and as to how we can obtain further grants, especially for our town center project. We will be spending most of the day looking at either how to save money or how to obtain grants. I will report to you when I get back and I will do my very best.

Mr. Carbone – That's very good, thank you.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you Mr. Chair, I just want to hereby certify that the funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on such agenda requiring certification of funding, thank you.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison:

Mr. Jamison – All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form, that concludes my report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Carolyn Wakaba, 11663 Elizabeth Circle, Strongsville, OH: My name is Carolyn, my last name is Wakaba. I live at 11663 Elizabeth Circle in Strongsville. If you could allow me to use my phone sometimes, I lose my train of thought. I wrote some things down.

Mr. Carbone - Yes, we're fine.

Ms. Wakaba – Thank you, I'm sorry, I'm a little shaky. I know last time we were here it was exactly 6 months ago, November 15th; and we were here as a group from Elizabeth Circle talking about the noise pollution from the warehouse behind us, Plidco; and we come today...we just wanted to find out what has been done and just what's going on because the noise is still there. It's been 6 months and I know this is something you guys discussed last time we were here. So far, we haven't seen a lot of progress; and we just wanted to see what has been done and what's going to be done the next few weeks or months so that we can get that resolved. I know a lot of people that's been around there probably say, "You know, we are probably not going to do anything." We have a saying in Swahili that says (*pronounced the Swahili term*), "which says, "The person who eats with you usually doesn't die with you except the person who was born with you." The person or your relative or your closest friend is the person who actually feels your pain more than just a stranger. I come here because I know we are all people from Strongsville. We are a family. We feel each other's pain. I'm asking and I'm pleading that you meet here where you can feel our pain too.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Wakaba - My question is can you just imagine if it is your daughter who lives at 11663, my place? I know you guys have been asking us to call the police and get records. We have been doing that, not every time. I can say since the last time we have been here the noise has gone down a little bit; and I've told Kelly about it. It's a problem. We understand it is a business and we don't want anybody to run out of business. The idea is that we work together. We can work together to get things solved. The last time you guys mentioned about putting a barrier probably where the noise is coming from. We haven't heard anything about that; so we just wanted to follow up on that. Also, going back to my notes, I'm sorry; so I know we have been calling the police once in a while. I know that one time I told Kelly about the noise. You asked me if we've been calling and I said we haven't been calling because I thought the noise went down a little bit. Last time I explained that the noise is not that loud; it's not like a moving truck or something...you know, once in a while during the day they do their own kind of stuff. The drop stuff really heavily. One thing that bothers me most is the noise that goes on continuously throughout the night. Recently, you know, during the week it will be quiet. Some times it will be very soft; so I assume it is something that they are able to control. It's something that is able to...if they can't reduce the noise and sometime during the week it doesn't run at all. It's something they have the ability to control. During the weekend, I work weekends. I work in the hospital. I work in the emergency room. I need to get enough rest to be able to attend to my patients. During the weekend, it starts on Friday and it runs like...like last night, it actually ended this morning. Last night, we put a fence so he could get some sleep because he drives an hour to work. We kept waking up at night. It's not the loud noise; it just rings in your ears the whole time. If it would be ringing for one hour, that's okay; but something that goes on for hours and hours and hours...it's really bothersome. I'm asking and I'm pleading with your guys, can you just feel a little bit of our pain? That's why we didn't come with a large group today because I wanted us to be very honest about this thing, really honest with you. We just want to know what has been done since that last time and everything that you guys hate. What are you guys going to do? Give us a timeframe so we know that you are actually going to do something. When we call the police, and you can ask them, sometimes we feel like we are bothering them. It feels like it. Imagine if I have to call you, every single day I called you to come and check out our noise. When you come in for 5 minutes, you don't even hear the noise because it's not about the five minutes, it's about the hours of ringing in your ears. Put us in your shoes. Put us as your family and feel our pain. I welcome any one of you. You're really nice people or I assume. If you want to come and actually, during the weekend, we have extra beds. We have two extra beds. Come and don't even mention anything to them and come and just try to sleep through that. You are welcome; we'll provide breakfast, we'll provide you anything that you need so you can at least understand what we are going through. When the police come and they take the (unintelligible) sometimes the sound goes through the (unintelligible). When Kelly came that night, at some place she was like, "Oh yeah, I can hear it"...the next morning because of how sound travels with the wind. Sometimes I call the police when I hear it. When it starts it's really loud and then it calms down and then it's just constant. I call the police and sometimes they take 10, 15, 30 minutes...it just depends. By the time they get there, they don't even hear it. They just come and they just leave. This one day I called twice because at first, I thought, okay, it's there and I listened and turning it off when the police is getting. Those things happen when your actually expecting it to go on when you want somebody else to hear and something disappears and they leave and then it's back on. I wished they would have stayed another 5 minutes. I wish you guys could actually just tell us what you're doing so we can understand. We don't want to assume stuff. At the same time, we don't want to feel like you're not doing anything like other people think - "You know what? They aren't going to do anything." I consider you guys family because we all are Strongsville people; and I know you guys are working for us; so I'm just asking if you can hear us today at least. It needs a barrier directing the sound to another side because it goes with the wind. If that is the case then, you have to help us. We can do anything. We can operate with you guys to make things work; and we are not going directly to the warehouse because we wanted to follow the right direction. We want to follow the right route to get things figured out.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – Thank you for coming this evening and I do remember you guys all being here before. I do remember Ms. Kosek visiting and saying it is a difficult situation. I know there were some steps taken since then. Maybe we have an opportunity to reach out and explain what has happened and where we are at.

Mr. Jamison – When audience participation is done, I'll respond.

Mr. Carbone -Anybody else with audience participation?

Joshua Otiso, 11663 Elizabeth Circle, Strongsville, OH: Joshua is my first name and my last name is Otiso. I think when my wife was up speaking...my address is 11663 Elizabeth. I just wanted to add on that it may be that we are the most affected of all the people that live there mainly because the whole backyard of our home is very much the factory. I wanted to let you know it's (unintelligible) through the backyard and see the factory every time; but to have this noise on top of that, I think, makes it even harder. Like my wife was saying, sometimes we wonder when we are in bed and we can't sleep and the noise is going on, we're like if the Mayor living here, or if one of the Council was living in this neighborhood would this have gone on for this long? Or maybe if one of the policemen was living there, would this have been found a little bit quicker than it has taken. I think we do understand that something is going on, but at the same time, the amount of time that it has taken is kind of frustrating to us. You go to this company's website and they have so much about this all this engineering stuff that they do; but they can't figure out how to control the noise. It's kind of sickening to me to be honest. I don't know, I could understand everything, but I hope you understand that we need sleep like everyone else; and I know that maybe the company pays a lot more in tax dollars than we do; but I feel like our tax dollars should also count just like the company's; so thank you so much.

Yi-Hsin Liu, 11620 Elizabeth Circle, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, my name is Yi-Hsin Liu. I live at 11620 Elizabeth Circle in Strongsville which is right across from Carol. I think I have a question to the Council or whoever can help us tonight. You guys are hearing enough from one side of the story; but I'm curious to know what action has been taken from the warehouse? For example, if their worker in a warehouse had to wear the noise cancelling; why so? That means the worker has to bear with a certain noise. Imagine the people around the neighborhood without; that you are stuck every day. They only maybe have 5-7-hour work shift from their day; but we live in our houses 24/7. I would like to know if something could be done from their end and what's their approach. What's the owner's approach if they know their existence indeed impacts the neighborhood. I'm not saying...I'm saying let's try to find out the coexistence solution; something infrastructure-wise they can do. They can put in earplugs...easy resolve, but I don't think that's practical for the resident. The warehouse building can do something infrastructure-wise that can protect the neighborhood. We in the city started doing a great thing, we recycle the plastic. We try to be green. We try to help the earth be a green city. Let's not forget one source of the pollution that impacts everybody. You cannot see it; but you can hear it. I think we want to see Strongsville as a good city and welcome for people to live in here. It is very sad to see in my neighborhood there is already two residents that decide to leave and sell the house. Without a doubt I know the reason. They're not telling the new buyer; but sooner or later, they are going to find out. Is this going to do good for our city? I don't think so. We both want the city to be good and have a good reputation; and I'm here to ask you guys if we can do something to help our city become a better or more attractive for future residents to come here, thank you for your time.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Jamison – Thanks Mr. Carbone, back in November, I went out to this site with Officer Drlik, as I related at the Council meeting last year. The police have been there numerous times since then and have monitored, not recorded but monitored, what the noise level is. This came up last November. We worked with the company to adjust certain things on the roof that were, at that time, causing some of the noise at certain points in time. It was my information that those modifications worked and that the noise was more acceptable at that point. Something to be noted here, and that's important, is that at all times when the police have gone there and done the testing of the noise, it has always been within the permissible levels under our laws; so that the company itself has never been in violation. Legally, there is nothing we can do in terms of enforcing those laws. That being said, we have continually worked with the business to try and address your concerns because we have shared that with the people who run that facility; and told them what you are experiencing over there and how it has impacted your lives on a daily basis. It seemed to be going pretty well through the winter. I've kept in contact with Ms. Kosek who has told me that you guys are not bashful about texting her at all hours of the day; and I know she has texted me around 10:00 p.m. when she receives those. We have kept in touch; but understand as a city, we can only do certain things. We can only enforce ordinances or laws that are in place to address whether the noise levels are at a certain level. That being said, myself and the economic development director continue to have a dialogue with the company. They are looking at it again. One thing that they have tried to do is adjust the times when this machinery runs that's causing the noise. They've tried to adjust that. Their working on potentially getting new equipment to try and solve some of the issues. The problem is when they did that last time, last fall, that's when it actually amplified or made the noise worse. One of the solutions last fall was to get rid of that attempt to try and deal with the noise; and that's when it actually became worse, if you remember. They removed it and it got better. We're going to continually...Plidco has been a good company to come in and has been willing to talk to us. We continue to talk to them. I have told Ms. Kosek, who I think has passed on to you, that when you experience these to call the police and they will go out and take readings. The police share those readings with me; and for this year, all those readings have been within the permitted levels. There was a discussion or a statement about a barrier. I think that was something that you guys had asked or recommended. I don't think we ever committed to putting any barrier out because No. 1, it is not on our land. No. 2, not that I'm a sound engineer, but in examining this situation and doing the research, I don't think a wall or anything of that type would solve the issue here because this sound is coming from the roof of the facility; so it would come over any kind of barrier that you would try to erect, whatever that height would be. It's more about working with the company to try and see what they can do to muffle the sound coming from that one venting system on the roof. They are aware of it; and like I said, continue to call the police if you feel it is at a level that is just not acceptable; but like I said...so far, the readings have been within the permitted levels. I've shared that with Ms. Kosek. She has stayed in contact with me through this whole period. Officer Drlik, who is here tonight, has also continually updated me on this. We'll continue to keep monitoring it; but understand, we don't have the magic wand to change this or to bring them into compliance. If the noises were at such levels that they were not in compliance with our laws, then there would be something that we could potentially do; but so far, they have not been in violation to this point. That being said, the company is still trying to work with us and we'll continue to look at it to see what we can do. I know it's frustrating. Like I said, I've been out there. It is a consistent noise. It's not liked a noise that goes up and down. It's a consistent noise; and when I was there that one morning about 8:30 a.m., I heard it. At that point, it didn't seem to be at a level that I thought was that disturbing; but I didn't know what the reading was. We get it. We're going to continue to monitor it. Understand though that we can only work within the framework of what we're allowed to do. We don't have the ability to just walk over there and make them do something as they run their business day-to-day. They're allowed to run that business in the area they are in; that is zoned in an industrial district. That's what they're allowed to do there. Again, we'll work with them; they have been receptive of us doing that; and we'll keep you apprised, either directly or through Ms. Kosek, thank you Mr. Chairman.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

Ms. Kosek – If I may Neal, if we have not...perhaps it would make sense, and perhaps you have already done it, have we compiled the calls that we have gotten from the residents there and shared those with Plidco to see if that will help them at all in resolving the issue? Because I know when we spoke last November, that was one of the requests that the owner had made to try and help to figure out what exactly is causing the issue.

Mr. Jamison – We did last year; and shared that information. Like I said, through the winter I wasn't made aware of that many calls coming in. I know myself and Mr. Painter had that ongoing discussions with them over there; because I know in the last month, it seems like there have been more calls to the police; probably because what I told you, is that how can we monitor what's going on without the police going over there to do the readings? To date this year and even last year, the readings were within the permitted levels. That's something we did last year; and it seemed to help them understand how to adjust things. We'll talk to them again and see if there's something new that they're doing in their operation in terms of how they're doing it; but they have stressed to us that they are committed to try and to continue to work with us and the neighborhood to try and make this so that everybody can live together; because clearly, they want to be good neighbors too. I think that's something that we shared with all of the neighbors last fall. They probably don't believe it but that's only what they say. They could have told us to go pound salt too; that we're running out business and we don't care. They even said that to their credit. They have a continual dialogue with us; and we'll continue to do that; to their credit, and we'll stay on top of it. This is not something new. Like I said, Ms. Kosek has texted me late at night about when you text her. Now, I don't get up at 2:00 a.m., but I remember seeing one at 10:00 p.m. I talked to Officer Drlik very regularly about this. He is the gentleman who regularly monitors this kind of investigation; and we'll continue to do that.

Ms. Kosek – I just want to say further...I completely understand that when they come out that the readings have been within the statutory level. That does not mean that it's still not a problem for our residents. I know that Plidco has been open to trying to resolve it and be a good neighbor; so I would like to have that information shared with them again to see if there is anything that can be done. There has been a couple comments about me getting texts late and that's okay. That is what you are supposed to do; so please don't stop doing it. Feel free to text me and tell me; and we will do what we can to get this resolved for you as best we can. I know you guys have had a lot of patience; and I know that patience is wearing thin. Let's see what we can get done with sharing this specific information. I will encourage you to continue to call. I think all of our officers are understanding that we asked you to do that to create that. I appreciate their work in coming out to do that for you; but also your work in waking up late when you are trying to sleep and call. It's not something that everybody has to do and it is an inconvenience for you and it is a hassle. I do recognize that and I think everybody on Council recognizes that.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Mr. Jamison, Officer Drlik – thank you, and we'll continue and hopefully we can rectify this situation if we are all working together.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2022-073 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1252.36 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH PROHIBITED USE OF SHIPPING AND/OR STORAGE CONTAINERS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 05-02-22. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 05-12-22.*

Second reading and set for a public hearing on June 20, 2022.

Ordinance No. 2022-079 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF WIRELESS MOBILE IN-VEHICLE SYSTEMS FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT; 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 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. 2022-079 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2022-080 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, DIVISION OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IN CONNECTION WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT LAW ENFORCEMENT VIOLENCE REDUCTION & STAFFING GRANT, FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITING, HIRING AND RETAINING OF STAFF; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, 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. 2022-080 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2022-081 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 RELATING TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, 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. 2022-071 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2022-082 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OHIO LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY ARMOR PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, 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. 2022-082 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2022-083 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF THE POLICE, PARMA LODGE #15 (RADIO DISPATCHERS UNIT), IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIRING OF APPLICANTS WITHOUT CIVIL SERVICE TESTING, 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. 2022-083 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2022-084 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 240.08 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

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. 2022-084 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2022-085 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-149, WHICH DECLARED IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBED THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRED THE OWNER OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHED A VITALIA MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, 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. 2022-085 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2022-086 By Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF RENEWING AN EXISTING 0.4-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND RENOVATING STORM SEWERS AND STORM DRAINAGE DITCHES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(F) OF THE REVISED CODE, 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. Resolution No. 2022-086 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2022-087 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF RENEWING AN EXISTING 1.5-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS' SALARIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SATELLITE STATION AT PRIEM AND ALBION ROADS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(I) OF THE REVISED CODE, 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. 2022-087 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: **NEW D1:** To: Riser Foods LLC. DBA: **Strongsville GetGo 3086**, 17573 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 05/31/22).

Application for Permit: **NEW D1:** To: Spa 7 LLC. DBA: **Spa 7**, 14308 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 06/03/22).

There were no objections to these permits.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Pro Tem Kosek adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.



Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council



Date