SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday, October 5, 2026, at 7:20 p.m.**

Present: Councilmembers: Gordon C. Short, James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, and Anthony J. Zacharyasz, Jr. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Assistant Law Director Dan Kolick, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Councilman Thomas M. Clark.

Council President Gordon C. Short called the caucus to order at 7:21 p.m.

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

Public Safety & Health Committee:

Chairman Kaminski – Yes, just one ordinance this evening. Ordinance No. 2026-097 is authorizing the sale at public auction of a certain obsolete and surplus vehicle. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. That completes my report.

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

(No questions)

Finance Committee:

Chairman Short – We have Ordinance No. 2026-098; this is to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds and for a maximum principal amount of $9,000,000.00 for the purpose of paying for the costs of the construction, furnishing, equipping, and otherwise improving a new fire station, along with the clearing and improving of the land there for that fire station. As you may recall, we did issue a one-year note for that—that is coming due in December. In discussions with the Mayor and his finance team, given the current macro-economic environment, interest rates...the future of potential interest rates in the United States, we think at this time that it is best to bond the further cost of this station today rather than in the future. Mr. Mayor, I don't know if you would like to add anything to that, especially given our Aaa bond rating.

Mayor Perciak - I think you have covered it beautifully, but at the end of the day, Eric could expand on this. It's all working out correctly. As you know, Station 4, which is our main station where we had an open house yesterday, which was very well attended. At the end of the day, we will be done with that debt here at the end of the year, correct, Eric?

Mr. Dean – That's right.

Mayor Perciak – When we were putting this plan together, Eric was very clear to me that one bond will roll off and the new one will roll in. This will all be serviced through inside millage, correct?

Mr. Dean – Yes, the Bond Retirement Fund - we have enough inside millage to pay for that. Because of those two current bonds, our last payment is this year—it actually will go down. We have the funds to pay for this over the span.

Mayor Perciak – That really is a big help. The reason we were able to reduce that debt so significantly and so quickly, just to refresh memories of people here, that land we were able to obtain from the Catan family—100% donated. We had no expense on the land whatsoever there. That really reduced our debt service there. Here we are in 2026, planning for the future. As we told everybody that was visiting us yesterday, is the number of calls our paramedics take here in the City of Strongsville. What we also emphasized to everybody, Mr. Chairman, was the ISO ratings. If we didn't build this fire station, our ISO ratings would have gone down. What that would have indicated is our homeowner's insurance would have gone up in the community to anybody who owned homes or buildings. It is going to be kind of a wash. We just hope that Issue 103 passes. I think it's all falling into place the way it should.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt that this evening. One further question, Mr. Mayor. We do currently have scheduled an upcoming Finance Committee meeting for the budget on October 26th. Is that still enough time for the Finance Committee to keep?

Mayor Perciak – We just talked about that this morning. Eric, do you want to talk about that?

Mr. Dean – Yes, I'm starting the process getting budget numbers. One of the big things is that we did get our healthcare renewal. I have an idea on that.

Mayor Perciak – Why don't you tell them how much.

Mr. Dean – It's 8%, unfortunately.

Mr. Short – That's high, but it's actually a lot.

Mr. Dean – Yes, it's not unexpected.

Mr. Short – It's double-digits.

Mr. Dean – It's a big expense for us, obviously. That kind of helps me project out next year a little better. I am able to meet that if that's still available. I think that will be fine.

Mr. Short – As of now, we will keep that meeting. Again, it's October 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., here in Council Chambers for the budget. Lastly, I would like to make a motion to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes from our meeting of September 21, 2026.

Motion made by Mr. Short, second by Ms. Roff, to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 21, 2026. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Short – Mr. Mayor, do you have any other questions for Council from the administration?

Mayor Perciak – No, just remember on the agenda, we have to amend it to appoint…John Rusnov retired. John Rusnov is sick and he is not capable of leaving his home anymore. I was at his home last week, and accepted his resignation from the BZA Committee. We have somebody else that's been affiliated with and working with all those types of situations - his name is Gary Hall. I will go over all that with you during the meeting.

Mr. Short – Okay, so yes, we will amend that agenda for that appointment. Thank you.

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 October 5, 2026 agenda link. *

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Gordon C. Short called the meeting to order at 7:30 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: Councilmembers: Gordon C. Short, James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff and Anthony J. Zacharyasz, Jr. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Assistant Law Director Dan Kolick, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Councilman Thomas M. Clark.

Motion made by Councilman Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff to excuse Councilman Thomas M. Clark for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff to amend the agenda to add under Appointments, Confirmations, Awards, and Recognitions the Mayor's appointment and Council confirmation of Gary Hall to fill the vacancy and unexpired term of John J. Rusnov, as a member of the City's Board of Zoning Appeals, effective immediately, and expiring March 14, 2029. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 21, 2026 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Perciak – Thank you, Mr. President, and good evening, everyone. Just a short thank you to John Rusnov for his 13 plus years of service on the BZA Committee. John, as most of you know, he started his career as a police officer and then moved on to become an appraiser for the old Broadview Savings, and then was encouraged to open his own practice. I knew him very well as an appraiser here in Northeast Ohio. Then, when there was a vacancy on our BZA Committee, I asked him to join. John, thank you for your many years of service. Thank you for all you do and continue to do for our city. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope that you get back to your old self. Right now, he is not capable of attending meetings, so he asked to step down. In his place, we are fortunate enough to make the acquaintance and ask for your ratification of Gary Hall. Now, Gary Hall, had a very humble beginning – he worked as a carpenter. Gary also was in the financial world, but in a different way - he was a property manager. He started as a carpenter for National City Bank; and then, he worked his way up to become the property manager for the entire National City Bank Corporation, which is now PNC. He managed both the individual branches as well as the high-rise buildings like the PNC building in Downtown Cleveland. He also did project management at all the properties of PNC. The projects range from small alterations to complete remodeling. He retired from the bank in 2018. Today, he works part-time for the City of North Royalton as a zoning inspector. As a zoning inspector he deals with many different issues that may arise including neighbor disagreements and the enforcing of all city ordinances. He is well qualified for this, and he is a resident of the City of Strongsville. I believe he will be an excellent choice to fill John's unexpired term.

Mr. Kaminski – First of all, I also want to thank John as well for his service. He bought the best house in Strongsville - he bought the Kaminski household. I got to meet John during that transaction and became good friends with him. I think my spiderman stickers are still in the basement down there, which is pretty funny. Anyways, I did want to send my thank you to him. With that, I would like to make a motion.

Motion made by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff, to confirm the appointment of Gary Hall to fill the vacancy and unexpired term of John J. Rusnov as a member of the City's Board of Zoning Appeals, effective immediately, and expiring on March 14, 2029. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Short – Again, Mr. Mayor, give him our thanks and our appreciation for his years of service, to the city, on the BZA.

Mayor Perciak – You're welcome, Mr. President. I just have one other little thing that I want to add. There was some discussion at the last Council meeting as to our Foltz Parkway properties that we have developed—there were questions about activity over there. We had an open house, which we called "Donuts and Dirt." We were fortunate enough to have over 25 industrial real estate agents come and visit that site that morning. That was really a true feather in our hat. We are doing our very best to make sure that we market the property. We had them there, and again, we emphasized to them the type of business we would like to see there. It was very well received, but there was a lot of activity—the more the merrier. As most of you know, the brokers are not actually interested in as to who has a listing as much as who they could sell it to. They will go broke and negotiate the real estate fee. I just wanted to update you on the Foltz Parkway. That ends my report.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark:

(No report)

PLANNING, ZONING & ENGINEERING – Mr. Zacharyasz: I have no legislation to report tonight, but something quickly though from economic development that I am sure, Mr. Clark will probably say. The Business Expo is next Wednesday, from 5 :00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. I believe for vendors it starts at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Perciak – That is correct.

Mr. Zacharyasz – That concludes my report.

Mayor Perciak – By the way, it is sold out.

Mr. Short – Excellent.

Mr. Zacharyasz – Good news.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Zacharyasz.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: Yes, for Public Safety and Health, we have one ordinance this evening. Ordinance No. 2026-097; this is an authorization for the sale at public auction of a certain obsolete and surplus vehicle that is no longer needed. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. Also, we did have a Public Safety and Health Committee meeting today concerning the Flock cameras. I thought that was very informative, and I appreciate everyone's participation on that. That concludes my report.

Mr. Short – Any questions for Mr. Kaminski?

(No questions)

PUBLIC SERVICE & CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek:

(No report)

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek: There is nothing on the agenda for either of my committees; but I did want to raise that as residents may be aware, obviously, there's a school levy that is going to be on the ballot – Issue 9 in November. Our schools were recently recognized as a five-star district and the district is a great value for our taxpayers. The cost for people is nearly $5,000.00 less than other five-star schools in Cuyahoga County. If this levy fails, there are going to be severe cuts that are going to be far-reaching that will include eliminated staff, larger class sizes, no sports, and no extra curriculars. That also means that the buildings will close at the end of the day.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek (cont'd): You might ask why am I raising this now? Well, it will have an impact on our recreation program. Our recreation program relies on the schools to be open to be able to use those buildings to help with the programs. For example, Strongsville schools will no longer have custodial staff during recreational basketball games for Kinsner Elementary or at the middle school, which is part of that recreation program. The Strongsville youth lacrosse and youth wrestling programs will no longer have access to Strongsville High School for winter indoor practices. All of these programs will be vying for time at the recreation center if this levy does not pass. I just want people to know the impact of the levy when they vote in November. It will impact more than just the students at the school. Thank you. That's all I have today.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Ms. Kosek. Any questions for Ms. Kosek?

(No questions)

BUILDING & UTILITIES – Mr. Carbone:

(No report)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: At the September 24th meeting, the board did receive about the five-star rating from the Strongsville schools. I think it's worth repeating.

Ms. Kosek – Sorry, I didn't mean to steal your thunder, Mr. Carbone.

Mr. Carbone – You know what? It should be repeated more than once because it is one amazing accomplishment. It's a testament to our parents and their commitment with their children, our students, and our staff. Just to give a little bit more clarity of the five-star rating, there are 607 districts in Ohio—only 61 received that rating. There are some amazing districts around us that I think a lot of people would think were five-star, but they weren't. We were, and that's amazing. The administration board discussed the district's finances. Unfortunately, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce sent a letter to our district about continuing to deficit spend, which could lead to financial distress. The district cannot keep spending more than they receive. The cash reserves have helped, though, to cover the differences. Treasurer George Anagnostou also explained the delayed county property tax payment effective for August revenue. That payment has since arrived, but it shows how important having sufficient reserves is for unforeseen things like that—receiving revenue a little bit late. Having that reserve is definitely beneficial. The board approved closing the 070 Fund—we've talked about that fund multiple times. When the schools were in a different position, and they had that reserve, they transferred over roughly about $25,000,000.00 to the 070 Fund, which is for building roofs and improvements for buildings. Now that the first series of renewal levies have failed, just about a deficit of about $10,000,000.00 a year, they thought that it would be appropriate to put that back into the General Fund. It's a one-time transfer, and it does not create any new revenue. Books-A-Million donated 14 bins of books valued at more than $6,700.00. Local businesses and community members also donated school supplies. I just wanted to also share...because it said a lot, and it's really just not words out of my mouth, or any, or our mouths. This weekend, again, when you look at...my son played football on Saturday with the FFL, and you just see the number of families there—the cheerleaders, the community members, and our neighbors there. It is really a testament. It carries on to the fire station open house, which was absolutely amazing.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd): We look ahead to this Wednesday at the community parade that will start at the bus garage and go through the schools. There were thousands of people last year. Me being involved in other communities and seeing what they do and what they don't do—we do so much more. Not only do we put these events on, we have the backing of the students, we have the backing of the families, the district, and the city all coming together—it is quite amazing. Really, to put a comparable to communities that do the same things, this community parade was tried in another community, and we were lucky to have 100 people. To have thousands there is an unbelievable…it's a testament to the type of city that we have. As we go through some craziness sometimes, and as we sometimes don't always agree, the bottom line that it comes back to is community, it comes back to families, and really supporting one another. That ends my report.

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

(No questions)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: We did have a board meeting last Wednesday, on the 30th, where a new chair and vice chair were appointed for the board system. Dr. Michael Deucher, who is a resident of Strongsville and a resident of Ward 4, is now chair of the Southwest board. Then, Carl McLaughlin, of Strongsville as well, was appointed to vice chair. An always great system is now represented by two fantastic Strongsville residents. Quickly, in regards to the meeting itself, the board did approve the 2027 – 2029 strategic plan for the hospital system to keep it as a strong sustainable and independent community hospital here serving Strongsville and the region. Again, I always say it, I think we have people that can attest to the services and the quality of healthcare that is provided there. I always say we are blessed and lucky to have that asset in our backyard and we are happy to support it. That will end my report for Southwest General. Any questions?

(No questions)

FINANCE – Mr. Short: We have one ordinance tonight. Ordinance No. 2026-098; this is to approve the issuance and sale of $9,000,000.00 of bonds for the construction and equipping and maintaining of the new fire station being built on State Route 82 there. As the notes are coming due, the one-year note on that ends in December. This will be to issue the bonds and for the continuance and finishing of that construction. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that this evening. Again, October 26th at 5:30 p.m., here, in Council Chambers, we will meet with the Mayor and the administration to review the 2027 budget. It's hard to believe that it is that time of the year already to prepare for 2027. With that, I will conclude my Finance Committee report. Any questions?

Ms. Roff – I do. I am wondering if we will have packets then, also.

Mr. Short – Mr. Dean, will we have a packet at least, hopefully, a week to ten days before that meeting?

Mr. Dean – Yes, absolutely. I am working with a software program and I think you will like what it will produce. It is a little bit more professional budget.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Mr. Short (cont'd): Not that they weren't always professional, but just a little more tweaked. Yes, we will have that. I will make sure of that.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Short:

(No report)

Other Business:

Mr. Kaminski – I do have one announcement, though. Hometown Heroes dedication ceremony is Saturday, October 10th. It is at the community pavilion at the Town Center Park at 10:00 a.m. Please join us as we dedicate the banners for the Hometown Heroes. Thank you.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Kaminski.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK:

(No report)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

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

Mr. Short – In the law department, our special quest this evening, who maybe number two, but he is number one tonight in our hearts, Mr. Dan Kolick.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dan Kolick: Ordinances, on tonight, are in proper legal form.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Pientka – There was a gentleman here earlier, I believe he was for the Public Safety and Health Committee meeting because he had a subject matter with E-bikes. He does live on Walnut Creek Drive, so if any Councilperson wants me to provide them his name and address and try to reach out to him personally afterwards, I will be happy to hold on to that. Otherwise, no one else signed in Mr. President.

Mr. Short – Thank you. Is there anybody in the audience that would like to address Council this evening?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Sue Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Sue Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road.

Mr. Short – Spell your last name, please.

Ms. Mazzola – M-A-Z-Z-O-L-A.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Ms. Mazzola – Mr. Short, what was it you just suggested to the people at the market district? To do what? Go down and tell NOACA to put it back on Boston Road? Stop sugar coating it. They are not going to do that. You know it…I know it. What youz are doing is you're playing with your residents – be honest with them. Tell them that you don't even know yet what NOACA has decided. Deal with it when you get it. I didn't come to that meeting when all those residents were here. You know how pissed I was because I sent you an email. You lied about a few things. It was not fully covered. You know that…I know that. You were here fighting for two years against those Brunswick people. I mean Brunswick…really? I have all your emails. You did nothing. One person went up to testify as an opponent to our bill, the Mayor. Not one of youz went up there, so quit bull crapping them and saying you fought along…you did nothing. I have your emails again. The only one I have seen that has written to NOACA, is Mr. Carbone. Everything else is just being passed along. They are going to know…it's going to come out how deceptive you people are. How this happened to begin with…this is all your fault. You stood by and you let Patton do something that bypassed regional process of highways. You all knew he was going to do it five months before he did it. You made it into law, and he put it into law on another city - you imposed on another city. Which was…and that by the way was passed by the Senate and the House. It was passed by the Senate and the House when the Senate removed it. Patton put it back in conference. You know, we do our homework. Unfortunately, some of these other residents…I don't know where they are. They should be here because youz shouldn't be trusted – none of youz. Not a one, but it is going to come out. Come NOACA's meeting on the 27th, what are you going to tell when…? Are you going to go down there and tell them to put it back on Boston Road? You think Grace is going to go, "Oh, okay…okay, Gordon, we will do that."

Mr. Short – This isn't Q&A, but some of your facts are wrong.

Ms. Mazzola – I don't think so. What fact is wrong?

Mr. Short – First of all, I have a letter to Grace, here, that I sent to her requesting to be put back…it's a process and we are allowed to…

Ms. Mazzola – Ask them whatever you want.

Mr. Short – We are allowed and entitled to our process as you did when it was in the budget and you went down, you lobbied, and you followed that process. This is a different…

Ms. Mazzola – We fought a bill…we fought a law…a law that was being forced upon us. None of us, by the way, so you know, none of us ever tried to get it on Drake Road or anywhere else. We were trying to get it out of law – period. That's it. Yet, you let the residents think that we beat them…we beat them. No, we just got it out of law. We didn't know how that NOACA study was going to come back either.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Short – And it's still a process, and we are fighting for our residents now to say that…

Ms. Mazzola – You can go ahead and fight.

Mr. Short - …we don't agree with what some of the changes are they are proposing, and there is still time.

Ms. Mazzola – What about your residents that live on Boston Road? Again, being ignored? Seriously, these people have serious concerns about their safety. I agree with them 100%. It's not safe to put it…

Mr. Short – And that is why it should be in the study so that they can come to those conclusions, or different conclusions. But to just pull it out prematurely is not fair.

Ms. Mazzola – It was already in the study saying that it wasn't feasible on Boston Road. Your study that you paid $325,000.00 for said the same thing.

Mr. Kolick – Mr. Chairman, I think we do have a time limit.

Mr. Short – Have we reached 5…?

Ms. Mazzola – That's fine. I'm done. Just so you know, we are watching because we know you.

Mr. Short – You are allowed to. It's a public broad…you can watch us every time.

Ms. Mazzola – You're a liar. You're all liars.

Ms. Kosek – So, I feel the need to speak at this point.

Mr. Short – Please do.

Ms. Kosek – I have been quiet. The idea that I have colluded with anyone about…

Ms. Mazzola – (Unintelligible due to Ms. Mazzola speaking from her audience seat).

Ms. Kosek - No, stop. Your time is done it is my time now.

Mr. Short – You are out of order.

Ms. Mazzola – (Unintelligible due to Ms. Mazzola speaking from her audience seat).

Ms. Kosek – So, I did not know what Mr. Patton was going to do. The suggestion that you're telling me…

Ms. Mazzola - (Unintelligible due to Ms. Mazzola speaking from her audience seat).

Mr. Short – Please, let her speak.

Ms. Kosek – Okay, it's my turn…it's my turn to speak.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Mazzola - (Unintelligible due to Ms. Mazzola speaking from her audience seat).

Ms. Kosek – The idea that there was any collusion with Mr. Patton is false. I had no idea what was going on. I will tell you that the idea that I have done something improper, which is what you had said, is offensive to me in every which way - that is not true.

Ms. Mazzola - (Unintelligible due to Ms. Mazzola speaking from her audience seat).

Ms. Kosek - If you would like to have a conversation later, I will; but I will not allow you to besmirch me in public.

Mr. Short – I would say the rest of this Council as well.

Mr. Kaminski – I agree.

Mr. Short – To call us liars is disrespectful and just not true...simply not true. Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council this evening? Mr. Micko?

Richard Micko, 20520 Wildwood Lane, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, I'm still Richard Micko. My last name is still spelled M-I-C-K-O. I still live at 20520 Wildwood Lane, and I am still proud to serve on our Strongsville school board. Mr. Carbone mentioned that we should be talking about our five-star rating any chance we get, and I completely agree. It is an outstanding accomplishment. Again, thanks to the students, thanks to the parents, and thanks to the teachers, staff, and the administration. If anyone is interested, we will be reviewing it depth on Thursday at our school board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The reason I came is to just share with you that on October 2nd, there was a letter to the editor in Cleveland.com, or the Plain Dealer. I just wanted to respond with some factual information. In the letter it said that the district has projected $74,000,000.00 in reserve - that is not correct. The letter didn't say when, so it is a little difficult, but $74,000,000.00 is no where in our reserves or in our projections. We are currently deficit spending. What that means is that our expenses are greater than our revenue. Without Issue 9 passing, we are projected to have a negative of $27,500,000.00, and we can't do that. With Issue 9 passing, we are projected to have a balance of $25,500,000.00 in 2030. The letter writer predicts that a levy will be required next year because expenses always go up. The school board and the administration was deliberate in our planning and in our design that Issue 9, we would make sure it lasts 5 years. We are committed to making sure that it will lasts 5 years. I don't want anyone to think that if Issue 9 passes, we won't have to have this discussion again. Issue 9 is a 5-year limited levy. We will be having this conversation again in approximately 5 years. The idea that we would be coming back to the taxpayer for an additional levy for operating expenses in a year is incorrect. The last thing I just wanted to share with you is that a lot of times you want to know how something is going to affect you. So, I just took an average home...the home that I found, I found it on the county website. In 2026, it was valued at $275,000.00 – it paid $4,501.02 in taxes. As we have said before, Issue 9 is a combination. There is a renewal portion of approximately 3.4-mills; and then, there is an additional, or new revenue of approximately of 3.3-mills. If Issue 9 passes, we calculate that the homeowner of a $275,000.00 home, their increase in taxes would be $320.52 for a new total of $4,821.54. That is significant because we are asking our taxpayers additional revenue. One thing that I do want to share with the public and I want to share with Council is that, that same house in 2024, was paying $5,115.00 in property tax. Effectively, we are asking the taxpayer to commit to a smaller total than what we were receiving in 2024.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Micko (cont'd) - If you want factual information, and if you want to fid out how the levy would impact your home or your neighbor's homes, I suggest you go to www.SCSMustangs.org/Issue9. That is the school district's website. It's the school district's information - it's factual information. If you are interested in supporting Issue 9 and you want to go even deeper, I suggest you go to www.voteyesforIssue9.com. That is an independent website done by a resident of Strongsville who is very passionate about our schools. He lays all of the information down. I find the information excellent, and I find it compelling. I hope that everyone tales the time to become informed about Issue 9. I hope you understand it, and I hope at the end of the day, with that understanding, you understand our commitment to our students' education, to our city, and to the education of the youth in our city. I hope everyone votes yes and are for Issue 9. Thank you very much.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Micko. Is there anybody else who would like to address Council this evening?

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2026-097 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF A CERTAIN OBSOLETE AND SURPLUS VEHICLE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-097 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2026-098 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $9,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW MUNICIPAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATION AND CLEARING, IMPROVING, PREPARING AND EQUIPPING ITS SITE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion to adopt by Mr. Kaminski, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-098 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Gordon C. Short adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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Council Secretary

October 19, 2026
Date