

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:40 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, Gordon C. Short, Kelly A. Kosek, James A. Kaminski, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Law Director Neal Jamison, Finance Director Eric Dean, and Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre.

Absent: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak,

Council President, James E. Carbone, called the caucus to order at 6:43 p.m.

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

Public Service & Conservation Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek - Ordinance No. 2024-143; this is a change order related to the lift station. Neal, do you want to explain what's going on because I did have a question. I assume that these will go towards our damages in the lawsuit; so I wanted to let you speak about that.

Mr. Jamison - Yes, so really, Ordinance No. 2024-143 and Ordinance No. 2024-144 are related. Ordinance No. 2024-143 was for the contractor that we had a bid out and was awarded the bid years ago. They finished the job; but now, because of the chlorine gas incident at the lift station, they have to come back and replace a large part of the electrical equipment there. They also have to maintain, while those parts are on order, a bypass system to allow it to keep running. This cost of almost \$681,000.00, is really to cover that until it gets replaced. Kelly is right, that would be part of our claim for damages as a result of that incident. As well as for Ordinance No. 2024-144, for our consultant engineering firm that was overseeing that job. That's for the additional work they have to do to make sure that equipment...replacement equipment is put in properly. That was a good summary.

Chairwoman Kosek - Yes, and then Ordinance No. 2024-143, we are also extending the length of the contract as well.

Mr. Jamison - Correct.

Chairwoman Kosek - Is that right...

Mr. Jamison - Yes.

Chairwoman Kosek - ...by 371 days?

Mr. Jamison - Right.

Chairwoman Kosek - Both of those; I would ask that we suspend and adopt, particularly since we are going to have the opportunity to potentially recover...we should recover those costs through the litigation. That was Ordinance Nos. 2024-143 and 2024-144. We also have Ordinance No. 2024-145; this is to amend the contract that we have with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling, Inc.

Chairwoman Kosek (cont'd) - This would be an increase of \$350,000.00 to the contract, which was...that we had previously awarded for about \$2.2 million dollars. My understanding is that we have added some additional streets that are going to be included; is that correct Neal?

Mr. Jamison - Yes, it's mainly for around here. It's Zvernia Lane to redo that, as well as some of the parking area in the recreational center area. I think there might be one or two other streets included in that; it's really to finish off in this area.

Chairwoman Kosek - Okay, I would say to suspend and adopt because it's certainly not...it's not that they are increasing prices, it's that we are asking them to do more.

Mr. Carbone - Just a side note with that - because it's without public bidding, we will need all seven (councilmembers).

Mr. Jamison - Correct.

Chairwoman Kosek - We have Ordinance No. 2024-146; this is, an additional, approximately \$30,000.00 to the Gilbane Building Co., related to the center of town project, which everyone I'm sure has seen and is very excited about. I know I have heard lots of children really excited about that, so I'd ask that we suspend and adopt. I do have one question on that. Neal, is this it?

Mr. Jamison - We talked about that at staff (meeting). They are going to do the final punch list walk-through this week. Hopefully, the final change order will be coming by the next meeting.

Chairwoman Kosek - Okay, not to get too far field, but I know that there has been some discussion about the cemetery and cars parking there. I did talk to Joe Walker about that briefly. If we were to extend the fence, would that be something that Gilbane Building Co. would do, or would that be a new project?

Mr. Jamison - We will do that. That was something that we again talked about at the staff meeting. The recreation center along with the service department, is looking to correct that situation to prevent people from using the cemetery as a parking lot, as sad as that may sound. We are going to try and do some remedy to prevent that.

Chairwoman Kosek - That would be something we would do internally, you think?

Mr. Jamison - Yes, that would not be part of this.

Chairwoman Kosek - I just wanted to make sure on that; thank you. Resolution No. 2024-147; this is giving the Mayor authority to go out and bid to extend the Foltz Parkway. I think that it's great that we are there at that point. Hopefully, we can suspend and adopt on that. I think that was the last one that was mine; I'm sorry. That's all I have, Jim.

Mr. Carbone - I will be abstaining from Ordinance Nos. 2024-144 and 2024-145 due to a family member that works for the business.

Mr. Jamison - Ordinance No. 2024-143 and Ordinance No. 2024-144.

Mr. Carbone - Ordinance No. 2024-143 and Ordinance No. 2024-144; sorry.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek - This is what we discussed a couple of meetings ago regarding the change in zoning to allow tattoo organizations or businesses to do tattoos in different zoning classifications. This did come before the Planning Commission, and it was approved. I will say that it was unanimous, but I did abstain because I thought we might have some conversations. I wanted to preserve that opportunity for us to have it. I don't know if folks have questions about that; but Jim, we will have a public hearing on this?

Mr. Carbone - The public hearing is November 18th, yes.

Chairwoman Kosek - Okay...great, so that is Ordinance No. 2024-136. I don't know. Did you guys want to talk about that at all?

Mr. Kaminski - I don't have a problem with it. That's for the permanent make-up.

Chairwoman Kosek - It is for the permanent make-up, I just want to make clear that they aren't separating it as other tattoo entities; it will all be tattoo businesses. I just want to make sure that we are all aware of that. I did ask the question; and I do understand that we will be just changing where those entities can be located, so it won't be in both classifications.

Mr. Jamison - Yes, I sent you a memo on this and the problem becomes...permanent make-up, if you try to bifurcate it out of this, theirs is like nine different methods of how you do permanent make-up. There is just not one way to do it and how to define it. We felt that the most appropriate way, because we still wanted to regulate that industry, was to keep it in tattoos. You're right, it will allow tattoos in other districts within the city; because right now, it's restricted to restaurant and recreation service (R-RS). I will say this though, that the increase in demand for tattoos has not been there; for the permanent make-up, it's through the roof. There are a lot of...Mr. Smerigan gets calls a lot for that. Tattoos, not as much. The feeling is that even though there's that connotation with tattoos, I would say in the modern era, it's different than when I was a kid, right. Where you were either in the Navy and you crossed the equator and then you had to get a tattoo; or that you were a rough character. Now, it is part of our culture and what we do. I think it's a business that's there to stay. Again, we do regulate it so it's not like it's going to run amuck. I just think it's evolved and changed for the better; and to allow it to go wherever in the business districts, I don't think it's going to change too much. It also allows us to allow these facilities, that do a lot of great things now, to be able to come in and do what they do. We really struggled with this. We tried nine different ways to try and work it out, and it was just a real challenge.

Chairwoman Kosek - Yes, and Neal, I want to commend you for giving us the highlights that you did and explaining what you worked through. I certainly am not being critical of what you're proposing; I just want the Council...

Mr. Jamison - I get it.

Chairwoman Kosek - ...to be aware of what the proposal is and knowing that we're going to have the opportunity to hear from the public. That's just my concern. I think I agree with Neal because when I was a kid, it was a big deal if you got a tattoo. I don't think it is quite as big a deal as it used to be for folks; I think it's much more accepted. I do want to hear from the residents on how they feel about this. Hopefully, they will be supportive. I think the public hearing will be important on that.

Mr. Carbone - Yes, and that will be November 18th.

Mr. Jamison - Right...no, the second meeting, I think.

Ms. Pientka - Yes, the second meeting in November.

Mr. Jamison - Whatever day that is.

Ms. Pientka - I'm sorry, November 18th.

Mr. Jamison - Yes, I thought you said November 8th.

Mr. Carbone - No, the 18th.

Ms. Roff - The one time I do remember the gentleman coming in from across the street because the rent went up so high where Goldie's was and had an issue with there not being many places for him to go with his tattoo business. Also, that they were in different price ranges.

Chairwoman Kosek - I recall that too, Ann, that was a couple of years ago.

Mr. Jamison - Good memory, that's when you ladies first started. That young man came in and was frustrated because I think the fire changed everything. They jacked the rent up and he had nowhere to go in the town. He ran a good establishment, but was just constrained from being able to relocate.

Chairwoman Kosek - Right.

Mr. Jamison - Good memory, Ann; I forgot about that.

Public Safety & Health Committee:

Chairwoman Roff - I have two items. I have Ordinance No. 2024-148, and that is for us to enter into an agreement with the City of North Royalton for an adjustment of fees to start on January 1, 2025. The recommendation for this is to suspend and adopt. I have Ordinance No. 2024-149 allowing us to file for an application for financial assistance through the Safety First grant program sponsored through the Safety First grant program (meant to say Norfolk Southern Corporation). The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt.

Mr. Carbone - Any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No questions)

Chairwoman Roff - I will also speak about later on...just to note some of our safety forces men and women here, the dispatch center, and some other places that went down to...Neal, do you want to go over that?

Mr. Jamison - I think four dispatchers went to North Carolina to help out that ravaged area. I think they also took down a tanker truck with fuel...for fuel; because that's a real issue in those areas. My understanding is those dispatchers are literally sleeping under their desks; because there is no housing or anything even for them.

Mr. Jamison (cont'd) - Our group has done this before, and I believe it was in the Caribbean. One time, they went down with a group from Ohio to assist when they were having difficulty. I forgot what island nation it was; credit to those men and women that went down that will help that area. Hopefully, they won't need it again this week in Florida. It's not looking good for the Tampa area. Another major storm is about to hit there. A real credit to our dispatch unit for stepping up and helping out those in need. Thank you for bringing that up, Ann.

Chairwoman Roff - Thank you.

Mr. Carbone - Yes, thank you.

Recreation & Community Services Committee:

Chairman Spring - Thank you, Council President. First, we have Ordinance No. 2024-150; this is an ordinance approving new rates for the rental facilities at the recreation center and the senior center, as well as the Old Town Hall and the new Strongsville Town Center area. The recommendation was placed on first reading today. Secondly, I have another Ordinance No. 2024-151; this is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a new agreement with the Strongsville Soccer Association for the use of the premises over on Foltz Parkway for the soccer fields. The recommendation for that is to suspend and adopt. Next, we have Ordinance No. 2024-152; this is an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor and the director of recreation and senior services to accept additional funding from the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services. I'm not sure if you guys remember, but there was another grant that we accepted for \$40,000.00; this is a continuation of that. There was more money that came in, and we got an additional \$8,000.00 for that. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt for that. Then, we have Resolution No. 2024-153; that's for a resolution accepting a donation of money from Heather Ann Rhoades to be used in connection with the Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative for further designating the Robert or Bob...am I saying this right, Neal? Is it Hric (pronounced like Hurk)?

Mr. Jamison - Hric (pronounced like Rick).

Chairman Spring - Hric so no "H" - Robert or Bob Hric Sports Courts within the Town Center area. That was a donation of \$250,000.00. Thank you so much to the family for that donation. The recommendation on that is to suspend and adopt. Lastly, I have Resolution No. 2024-154; a resolution accepting a donation of money from Strongsville City Councilman, Jim Kaminski and his wife Mary. Thank you guys so much for your donation to the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative for \$5,000.00. Thanks Jim, we appreciate it. Any questions?

(No questions)

Finance Committee:

Chairman Short - Yes, just one resolution tonight. Resolution No. 2024-155; this is to establish, in the accounting ledger for the city, a new revenue fund to be specifically tied to the Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center to track revenue expenses associated with that dispatch center. We will need to approve that tonight. Then, the auditor's office will have to approve it as well before it becomes an official account with the city. Under generally accepted accounting principles or GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board) for government accounting, technically, you only have a fund if it's restricted funds.

Chairman Short (cont'd) - This will be a way to track easily the revenue expenses associated with the dispatch center. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Mr. Dean, do you have any comments, or are there any questions for Council on it?

Mr. Dean - No Gordon, I think you have it. This is just to provide more transparency to the operations of the dispatch center.

Chairman Short - Thank you. Then just a reminder, I'll also say from the floor, that we have our budget committee meeting...Finance Committee meeting regarding the budget for 2025 for the city. It will be on Monday, October 28, 2024, here in Council chambers, starting promptly at 4:00 p.m. That will complete my report.

Mr. Carbone - Okay, thank you much.

Communications & Technology Committee:

Chairman Kaminski - Ordinance No. 2024-156; it's authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with NEOGOV to provide software services for the human services department. I have multiple benefits: it gives access to www.governmentjobs.com, which allows us to seek highly qualified candidates for our openings; but also streamlines the hiring process and civil service process. It does not impact any payroll or timekeeping, and it works with our current system. It's about a cost of about \$133,000.00 over five years. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on that this evening. That concludes my report.

Mr. Carbone - Any questions for Mr. Kaminski?

(No questions)

Committee of the Whole:

Mr. Carbone - We have Ordinance No. 2024-142; that is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement for property located at 21500 Lunn Road. We do need all seven this evening. That will be a suspension and adoption. Then, we have Ordinance No. 2024-157; this is approving and adopting the mid-year replacement pages to our Codified Ordinances of the city and repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict with them. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Neal, Resolution Nos. 2024-158 and 2024-159, do you want to explain that?

Mr. Jamison - Yes please, this is our firm in New York that has entered into a settlement with Target and also with the Henry Shein Company. This is a nationwide settlement, and we are a part of it - just part of the opioid litigation that has been all-encompassing, and just two more facets of it. I recommend to suspend and adopt and allow our city to use those funds in a positive way.

Mr. Carbone - Sounds good, any questions for me or Neal on those ordinances or resolutions?

Ms. Kosek - I just have a question on the last two. Do we have an idea of what our...what we are going to be allocated on the settlement, or has that have not yet been decided?

Mr. Jamison - We had that discussion recently; where basically, police and fire are going to really sit down and figure out how we want to allocate those resources going forward. Eric has had a conversation with them, and we will get back to you on that. We are working on that.

Mr. Jamison (cont'd) - We've not only gotten this money from the opioid litigation, but also, if you remember the Ohio Attorney General, we get some money for that. It started, I think, when Governor DeWine was Attorney General even. Yes, that's something that we've had a discussion about and how to best employ that to really help those in the community.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you much.

*****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 7, 2024 agenda link. *****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.
CALL TO ORDER:

Council President James E. Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, Gordon C. Short, James A. Kaminski, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Law Director Neal Jamison, Finance Director Eric Dean, and Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre.

Absent: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 16, 2024 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark: Thank you, President Carbone, we had a Strongsville Economic Development Committee meeting on September 23rd at the Strongsville Senior Center. This meeting did not have any PowerPoint presentations. It was a roundtable discussion from 11 engaged participants; each and every one of them, a Strongsville resident that deeply cares about the strength of our community - each participated bringing unique experiences from a variety of different industries. We've increased the diversity of industry perspectives we consider, and we've sustained our focus on the importance of manufacturing in Strongsville.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark (cont'd): Thus, I will continue to highlight a manufacturing business in Strongsville this evening, and I will continue to do that for the balance of 2024. Tonight, briefly, I want to highlight Kraft Mobile Systems, which is headquartered on Foltz Parkway in our Strongsville Business and Technology Park. It has been around since 1972 and was founded by Bob and Marie Kraft out of a machine shop that was in Strongsville. Today, Kraft operates as an ESOP (employee stock ownership plan); a 100% employee-owned company. They are the preferred system in the greater for original equipment manufacturers that have a business in integrating hydraulics, electric drives, and electronic controls. They have been recognized in this body before, and you may recall that their products go into Sutphen Corporation's fire trucks. Their products that are manufactured here, go to another Ohio manufacturer and come back to Strongsville for our safety forces. I want to talk about growth in manufacturing; that's part of what we try to do with economic development. Back in the fall of 2023, Kraft real estate holdings secured another 28,000 square feet of manufacturing. Obviously, plans for...allow them to grow and grow into the future; then, they had plans to update their facilities and expand operations. We hope that they continue to do that. I do want to end with a couple of important dates. The Strongsville Chamber luncheon, which is the mid-year economic development update from the Mayor, will be on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. That will begin at 11:30 a.m., and I highly recommend everyone to get tickets in advance; that event will sell out. Two days later, on October 17, 2024, is the Strongsville Business Expo at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation Center. Again, Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., will be the businesses' opportunity to interact with each other. Then, at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., it is open to the public. That concludes my report; but I will happily take any questions.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Ms. Roff: I have two items for Public Safety and Health. One to update the fees between North Royalton and our city for the dispatch center with North Royalton. Those will start in January. I'm sorry, that was Ordinance No. 2024-148. I have another... Ordinance No. 2024-149, and that is for us to file for a Safety First grant. Suspend and adopt for both of those. Then, we mentioned during caucus; but I wanted to mention again in thanking the Mayor for making it possible for the dispatchers that have gone down to help with the damage that was done from the tornados. They had to go down as self-sufficient as possible. They had to bring all their own water, all their own blankets, food, etc. They are down there and working 12-hour days. It's a pretty big deal for them to go down and offer that help. They will be there for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Carbone - Awesome, thank you.

Ms. Roff - That's all.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Spring: Thank you Council President, first we have Ordinance No. 2024-150; an ordinance approving the new rates for the rental facilities at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center, the old Town Hall and the new Strongsville Town Center area. We are going to place this on first reading. Next, we have Ordinance No. 2024-151; this is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a new lease agreement with the Strongsville Soccer Association for the Foltz Parkway soccer fields. The recommendation on this is to suspend and adopt.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Spring (cont'd): Next, we have Ordinance No. 2024-152; this is an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor and the director of recreation and senior services to accept additional funding from the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services. It was a grant that was approved a while back, and there were additional funds accepted; so we got an additional \$8,000.00. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Next, we have Resolution No. 2024-153; a resolution accepting a donation of money from Heather Ann Rhoades to be used in connection with the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative. We are going to designate the sport courts in the area - the Robert Hric Sports Courts in her honor. That was a donation of \$250,000.00. We definitely want to say thank you so much to Heather Ann Rhoades and the Hric family for that donation. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Finally, I have Resolution No. 2024-154; this is a resolution accepting a donation of money from Strongsville City Councilman, Jim Kaminski and his wife Mary Kaminski. This is to be used for the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative. Thank you so much to Councilman Jim for doing that. It was very generous of you to help out. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Also, we wanted to mention that some citizens were concerned about the fencing along the cemetery. I know that Kelly is working on that, and helping out, trying to make sure that gets done. We just wanted to mention; that it is being worked on.

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring: There was a school board meeting on September 26, 2024, following a successful homecoming parade. We do want to say thank you to Mrs. Drake and the students - Zoey Tran, Christian Zaripheh, and Peyton Kaufhold for throwing a successful and awesome homecoming parade. I think the kids and everybody enjoyed it, and the community enjoyed it. Hopefully, we will see more of those for homecomings coming forward. At the September 26th meeting, the board discussed different fees that they will cover if Issue 53, the school levy, passes. They also discussed numerous cuts that will be needed if Issue 53 fails. Get all the information you need; so you can make an educated vote as a voter, for the school levy coming up on November 5th. That completes my report.

Mr. Carbone - Any questions for Mr. Spring?

Ms. Kosek - I don't have any questions; I just want to make...I just want to thank everybody on Council. Maybe Jim, I don't know if I'm stealing your thunder or not; but since we are talking about recreation, I just want to say it was a great event on Wednesday when we did the ribbon cutting for the park. The kids were so excited. All of the kids were so excited to see the playground. I heard so many people saying what a beautiful project it was. I know this was a longtime dream of many people sitting up here. I just want to congratulate everybody on a job well done; and the Mayor of course, when he is here, to thank him for getting this done. It is a jewel for our community, and it's wonderful to see it.

Mr. Carbone - Absolutely, and I'm glad you mentioned it. We take great pride in providing such great services for our seniors; and then it was also nice seeing that on Wednesday. Really, that was a follow-up to what Mr. Spring talked about - the homecoming parade. Those individuals knocked it out of the park and that was amazing. So many great things for our youth, for our parents, and for our seniors here; so very proud to be a part of it.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring (cont'd):

Mr. Jamison - If I can just add on the Town Center. A lot of the credit goes to the Mayor. He was the driving force behind that project. It was through his driving to try to get donations. A large chunk of that project was contributed either through grants that he was able to work with the state and county to get as well as private individuals, and a lot of our staff. Bryan, who is sitting here today, our engineering department, our service department, and our building department all worked hard on that project to get it done in a timely fashion and in a professional manner. I think a large credit goes to those individuals for being the driving force to get that done. It just wasn't done in a couple of days; this was like a 2-year process to get this done. While we are talking about this great project, also give credit to those individuals who were also involved. Thank you.

Mr. Carbone - Absolutely, thank you for mentioning that, Neal.

Ms. Kosek - Yes, and I apologize for not specifically mentioning Bryan; because it was a wonderful event, Bryan. The park is beautiful. I specifically wanted to share with you that I've heard from a number of parents that the selection of the playground equipment, specifically, is unlike anything else that they are seeing in the community or in the area. They are really excited about that specifically; and I know you were instrumental in doing that. Thank you so much for making it a wonderful new place for the kids to play at.

Mr. Kaminski - I want to echo my thanks. The grandkids loved it; and we are going to spend quite a bit of time up there, I can see.

FINANCE – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Carbone, we have one resolution tonight. Resolution No. 2024-155; this is to establish a new special revenue fund, as part of the accounting ledger, to be known as the Southwest Emergency Dispatch Fund #210, which would track all the revenues and expenses associated with the dispatch center. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that. As a reminder, we will have a Finance Committee meeting on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. here in Council chambers to discuss the 2025 budget for the City of Strongsville. Any questions or any information, please speak to Mr. Dean before the end of the week, correct Finance Director Dean? Thank you. That concludes my report for the Finance Committee. Any questions?

(No questions)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: We did not have a board meeting about 10 days ago. High level, obviously, it's still been challenging times for health care. The system has a performance improvement plan in place to continue to deal with the issues involving reimbursements from insurance companies as well as expenses - again, the growing cost of payroll. The system is on budget and meeting those challenges here in 2024 with a look forward to 2025. That will conclude my report for the Southwest General Health System; but I will happily take any questions.

Mr. Carbone - Any questions for Mr. Short?

(No questions)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Kaminski: Yes, we have one ordinance this evening. Ordinance No. 2024-156; authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with NEOGOV to provide software services for the human resources department. There's multiple benefits to this particular software. It gives access, for example, to www.governmentjobs.com to seek high-quality candidates. It also streamlines our hiring process and our civil service process; so that is very important. We look at that as being a huge benefit to the human resources department and our onboarding process. The recommendation for that is suspension and adoption. That concludes my report this evening.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Ms. Kosek: We have Ordinance No. 2024-146; this is an additional approximately \$30,000.00 for the Gilbane Building Co.; a change order related to the Town Center that we were just talking about. That's all with that. That's something that we should be voting on tonight. We also have Resolution No. 2024-147; this is to allow the Mayor to go out to bid for the Foltz Parkway extension, which is a project that we have been talking about and looking forward to. This is just to go for the bid. I think that...let them go out and see how much this is going to cost. That's all that I have for Planning, Zoning and Engineering unless anyone has any questions.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you very much.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek: Ordinance No. 2024-136, which is the ordinance that we've seen a couple times here in Council that was referred to the Planning Commission regarding changing the zoning for tattoo parlors. It received a positive response from the Planning Commission. We will set that for public hearing for November 18th, is that correct?

Mr. Jamison - Yes.

Ms. Kosek - November 18th; so we're going to set that. We have Ordinance No. 2024-143, which is...I'm sorry, it is Ordinance Nos. 2024-143 and 2024-144 are the two related ordinances that are related to the changes that are necessary at the Westwood facility for the water treatment. We would need to increase our contract with the Great Lakes Construction Co. by about \$681,000.00 and extend their contract to 371 days. As we discussed in caucus, this is specifically related to the chlorine gas release and the damages that were done as a result of that. Ordinance No. 2024-144 would also extend the contract with MS Consultants by about \$71,000.00; also related to the chlorine gas release. Both of those amounts would be damages that we would be seeking just for...in the litigation that we have going on. I would ask that we suspend and adopt on those. We have Ordinance No. 2024-145; this is to increase the contract price with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling, Inc. This would be an additional amount of \$350,000.00 for some additional work around the Town Center. This would be...we would need all seven to approve that because it is without public bidding.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Carbone: We have Ordinance No. 2024-142; this is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement for property located at 21500 Lunn Road. We do need all seven, and the recommendation is to suspend and adopt. We have Ordinance No. 2024-157; this is approving and adopting mid-year replacement pages for our Codified Ordinances and repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict with. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Then, we have Resolution Nos. 2024-158 and 2024-159; both of these resolutions pertain to the opioid epidemic litigation settlement.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Carbone (cont'd): This was discussed with our Law Director, Neal Jamison in caucus. Our recommendation is going to be to suspend and adopt. Are there any questions on those?

(No questions)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK:

(No report)

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

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form, thank you.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

(None)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2024-136 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1242.07(b)(10) AND 1258.06(a)(6), OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE REGULATION OF CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS AS CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on second reading and set for public hearing on November 18, 2024.

Ordinance No. 2024-142 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 21500 LUNN ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading 09-16-24.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2024-142 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-143 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE AND FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE GREAT LAKES CONSTRUCTION CO., FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WESTWOOD LIFT STATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTWOOD LIFT STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

**Roll Call: Ayes: Short, Kaminski, Kosek, Clark, Roff, Spring.
Abstained: Carbone. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-143 ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 2024-144 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION REQUEST NO. 3 FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND MS CONSULTANTS, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND WESTWOOD LIFT STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

**Roll Call: Ayes: Kosek, Clark, Roff, Spring, Short, Kaminski.
Abstained: Carbone. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-144 ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 2024-145 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-059 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATED CONTRACT AMOUNT AND AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH CROSSROADS ASPHALT RECYCLING, INC. FOR PURCHASE OF GENERAL PAVEMENT SERVICES FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY, WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-145 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-146 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 16 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-146 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-147 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FOLTZ PARKWAY EXTENSION PHASE II PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-147 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-148 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TENTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF FEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-148 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-149 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE SAFETY FIRST GRANT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION, TO BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-149 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-150 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING NEW RATES FOR THE RENTAL OF FACILITIES AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTER, THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE OLD TOWN HALL, AND THE NEW STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER AREA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2024-151 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE STRONGSVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR PREMISES LOCATED ON FOLTZ PARKWAY IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-151 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-152 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR AND ADULT SERVICES, THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-152 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2024-153 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM HEATHER ANN RHOADES TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE, AND FURTHER DESIGNATING THE ROBERT "BOB" HRIC SPORTS COURTS WITHIN THE TOWN CENTER AREA.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-153 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-154 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM CITY OF STRONGSVILLE COUNCILMAN, JAMES A. KAMINSKI AND HIS WIFE, MARY KAMINSKI TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-154 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-155 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHWEST EMERGENCY DISPATCH FUND NO. 210, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-155 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-156 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEOGOV TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE AND SERVICES FOR USE BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-156 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-157 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING MID-YEAR REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-157 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-158 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE TERMS OF THE TARGET CORPORATION MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC LITIGATION, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SETTLING SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM FOR THE TARGET SETTLEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-158 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-159 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE TERMS OF THE HENRY SCHEIN, INC. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC LITIGATION, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM FOR THE HENRY SCHEIN, INC. SETTLEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-159 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Carbone adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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Council Secretary

10/21/2024

Date