

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7:45 p.m.**

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

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 7:46 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-143 is to rezone property located on Royalton Road, all of PPNs 393-18-006, 393-18-020 and 393-18-022 from R1-75 (One Family 75) classification to PF (Public Facilities) classification. This is for a proposed fire station. Ms. Roff wanted clarification on whether the city would still be able to rezone that area for other purposes, if the rezoning is not used for a fire station. Mayor Perciak confirmed that it can be used for other public facilities; such as a possible dispatch center. This was placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-144 is an ordinance to purchase (4) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe Sport utility vehicles for use by the police department. The contract is with Tim Lally Chevrolet for a total amount not to exceed \$249,854.00. Mayor Perciak added that these vehicles were budgeted items. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2023-145 which is an ordinance ratifying and approving an application for financial assistance in connection with (ARPA) American Rescue Plan Act Ohio - Ambulance Transportation grant program to be utilized by the city's fire department. The grant application is in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Recreation & Community Services Committee: Chairwoman Roff advised Resolution No. 2023-146 is a resolution accepting an additional donation in the amount of \$15,000.00 from The Strongsville Rotary Foundation to be used for the Town Center Enhancement & Walkability Initiative Project. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Mr. Kaminski added a thank you to everyone that attended and helped with StrongFest; because StrongFest helped with that particular donation. Ms. Roff also added that the 30-day, "Home for the Holidays," discounted recreation center pass for college students is coming up November 20, 2023 until December 31, 2023. The cost for students is \$40.00, and the cost for residents is \$30.00.

Ms. Kosek made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real property. 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 7:51 p.m. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Perciak and Law Director Neal Jamison. The executive session concluded at 8:08 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President James E. Carbone called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-273.

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 2, 2023, were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark: Thank you Mr. President, there was a Strongsville City School Board meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2023; it was an extensive meeting. During the superintendent's report, we heard from the Director of Curriculum, Erin Green, on the State of our School's...our state report card. We heard highlights from it before, and I want to review some of what we heard in Thursday's meeting. Again, overall, the school district was rated 5-stars which significantly exceeds state standards in academic excellence across five rated components: achievement, progress, graduation rate, gap closing, and early literacy. The achievement component was 5-stars, the progress component was 5-stars, improving at risk K-3 early readers or early literacy was 4-stars, gap closing was 5-stars, and the graduation rate component was 4-stars. Strongsville City Schools is the 25th ranked district in the entire state out of 607, or the top 4%. The Strongsville High School ranked 5th in the state out of 3,088 buildings as a district. Strongsville City schools...the collective team led by our board, our administration, our teachers, and the entire staff; this is extremely impressive. They always refer to it as being done as a group and as a team. It's bus driver appreciation week, and bus drivers are a part of that team; it's a massive team. It's a team that is collective with the city. It's this entire team working together to deliver more, and grow our students more, than the state expects. One of the blurbs I heard our superintendent say during that meeting is, "We are taking our students where they are, and advancing them significantly more than the state expects us to." That is tremendous, but it's a journey. It's a journey that has been going on for over a decade; longer than I have lived in this community. It's a journey that must continue.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark (cont'd): One of the components on there, that we were not 5-stars in, is early literacy. Our earliest...our youngest readers, our youngest learners deserve the same thing that our students...the same excellence in academic, excellence in athletics, and excellence in the arts that our students have had. We must continue to support that. Congratulations to all involved in our schools, and it's really a win for our community. That is one of the terrific components that happened during the Strongsville City Schools meeting on Thursday. We also heard some excellent information on how our schools are going to implement Ohio Senate Bill 288 and Ohio House Bill 123. Like always, our administration and the team has a plan. They have a plan that in this case...again, this is how it's going to be implemented across ages. Erin's Law, which is Senate Bill 288, impacts the K-12 students. The school counselors will select and deliver Ohio Department of Education recommended lessons. The social workers, along with the health teachers, will co-present some of the other material that's covered; there is an opt-out for parents. So again, the parents have the choice in these; but this is House Bill 123 and Senate Bill 288. Also, during this meeting, we heard from our facilities committee. This is a 60-person committee made up of representatives of the community. Two members of that 60-person committee shared an update on the recommendation of a master plan; so, the recommendation of a master plan, and what would be included in that. There's a lot of highlights, and a lot of great things that are going on in our schools. I would encourage anyone to attend the upcoming "State of the Schools," on October 24, 2023 at the Chamber luncheon. It will be one opportunity for anyone to better see all the great things that are going on in our schools. There's more to report, but I think that's enough for this evening. I encourage everyone to tune in for the "State of the Schools." I will gladly take any questions.

Mr. Carbone – I think it's fairly easy why we support our schools, and why we supported it in a resolution. Everybody up here on Council, and the Mayor, all showed our support for the schools and we just want to make sure that's very clear.

Mr. Short – In other words, vote yes on Issue 14.

Mr. Carbone – Yes.

Mr. Kaminski – Right, absolutely...yes.

Mr. Short – No new taxes, just a renewal levy.

Mr. Clark – Hearing no questions, that concludes the school board report and nothing to report on Building and Utilities; but I will gladly take any questions.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Clark:

(No report)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Carbone, we did not have a board meeting since our last Council meeting; but I do have the monthly update provided by Bill Young, the President and CEO of Southwest. Some exciting news as we continue to move into an age where everything is done via your cellphone.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short (cont'd): Southwest is investing in a new digital communication platform where patients can have the ability to use their cell phones to access health information, schedule all health services, check-in for appointments, digital wayfinding through the facilities, receive education materials and pay medical bills etc.; all through an app that is being developed right now. While it's not ready yet, it should be completed relatively quickly to bring Southwest and it's patients more into the digital age. In terms of clinical quality and safety care, the...again, the goal is to support a culture of zero patient harm. They have gone more than 414 days without a central-line bloodstream infection, more than 66 days without a catheter infection, and 78 days without any hospital acquired C-Diff infection. We continue to strive for high-quality patient care; and that is also done through nurses. I do want to recognize a few that received the "Daisy Award" which is for extraordinary nurses. It's part of an international recognition program that honors and celebrates the skillful, compassionate care that nurses provide every day. Within the last month, Kristy Novick (Emergency Services), Jane Anne Barth (Maternity), Alyssa Smith (Big Creek Surgery Center), Kristin Pullin (Endoscopy), and Katharyn Rock (Pre-Admission Testing) all received that award. Congratulations to those nurses for providing great care at Southwest General Hospital. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short: We did meet a few Mondays ago on September 25th, 2023, right here in Council chambers; with our own Director of Economic Development, Brent Painter, who gave an update on the current economic feasibility study. That is being done for the City of Strongsville which should be released soon to the public. He did give the community an update on that. We also discussed, and it is now just two days away, the Business Expo which is sold out right here at our recreation center. From 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. it will be business to business networking, and then from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., it is open to the public. I encourage all of you out there in the audience, and listening at home, to attend to see the businesses we have in Strongsville, and opportunities to support those local businesses. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

Ms. Kosek – Gordon, I just wanted to clarify; because I think some people might be confused. When you say it's "sold out," it's sold out for people who would want to present. It's completely open to the public, and anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

Mr. Short – Very good clarification there, Councilor, yes. It is sold out in terms of businesses attending, but it is open to the public. I don't believe we have a number on that Mr. Mayor, do we?

Mayor Perciak – One hundred tabletops.

Mr. Short – One hundred tabletops; but in terms of people attending...

Mayor Perciak – It's open to the public.

Mr. Short - ...it's open to the public, meaning, we won't be turning people away.

Mayor Perciak - And we have a waiting list of 35 in case somebody changes their mind between today and Wednesday.

Mr. Short – Excellent.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – I think maybe you want to mention the November 16th...with the economic development director.

Mr. Short - Oh, the Chamber luncheon...yes, right here at the recreation center as well. Our own Brent Painter will be there probably, I don't want to give anything away, but maybe we will have some results of the studies as well potentially by then.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, I would agree with that. Having the Economic development Director from the State of Ohio coming here to address our Chamber, it really puts a lot of emphasis as to the respect they have for the City of Strongsville and the Chamber of Commerce here in the City of Strongsville. The different types of corporate entities that we have been able to bring here to Strongsville, whether they would be from France, from Germany, from Canada, and from so many different places around the globe...and to have her come here. As a result, Olivia Mihalik will be here. I did speak with the Lieutenant Governor on Thursday again, and the Governor. I was there and again, they wished us well, and Olivia is very happy to be here. It's only going to be a \$10.00 luncheon fee too, so please come and support what's being done. Truly, what the State of Ohio, and the administration in Columbus is really providing...a valuable tool for us here in the City of Strongsville.

Mr. Short – That will be her second trip here in less than 5 months...

Mayor Perciak – That's correct.

Mr. Short - ...because she was here for the Schaeffler grand opening as well.

Mr. Clark – At the end of September, Ohio was once again recognized as the third largest manufacturer based on GDP (Gross Domestic Product) in the country. The things that they are doing here in the State of Ohio...remanufacturing coming back here. The opportunity to have experts like that come to our community, and share their insight and great things they are doing for our state with us, is superb. It's a great opportunity for people to attend.

Mr. Short – Once again, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for the general public. It's open to everybody; and no limit on the attendance there, thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Perciak – One last thing, there's no selling of any type of goods from our business people. If they are going to do something, it's free; they are giving it away.

Mr. Short – Yes that's correct, thank you. That concludes my report Mr. President.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio: There is nothing on the agenda tonight. Mayor, are we good with salt?

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – We have lots of salt. Let's hope we don't have to use it.

Mr. DeMio - Mayor, is there anything else we need to do with our snow plows or any of that? Any announcements about the leaf pickup?

Mayor Perciak – They started today.

Mr. DeMio - It's rotating...

Mayor Perciak – Yes.

Mr. DeMio -...it's north first.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, we started on the north end...correct.

Mr. DeMio – We do that until we can, is that correct?

Mayor Perciak – Until the snow bothers us, yes.

Mr. DeMio – Right, okay.

Mayor Perciak – Then it's a choice between moving snow or picking up leaves, and at the same time we...it's not a good thing when that happens.

Mr. DeMio – Right, so get ready to bail those leaves on your front lawn. Jim that's I have, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you.

FINANCE – Ms. Kosek: Yes, thank you. We have no ordinances or resolutions on the agenda tonight. We will be getting our proposed budgets from the finance department hopefully on Wednesday. If you can make it over to the office to pick it up, that would be great. We will meet on Monday, October 23, 2023, in the Mayor's Conference room at 4:30 p.m. That's all I have, and I look forward to seeing you guys on Monday. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski: Planning, Zoning and Engineering we only have one ordinance this evening. Ordinance No. 2023-143; that's to change the zoning classification of properties on Royalton Road from R1-75 classification to public facilities. That's going to be on first reading this evening, and that will go to the Planning Commission. That concludes my report on Planning, Zoning and Engineering. If there are no questions, I will move on to Public Safety and Health.

(No comments)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: Public Safety and Health there are two ordinances. Ordinance No. 2023-144; that is for (4) Chevy Tahoe Sport Utility police vehicles for use by the police department; that was a budgeted item. The recommendation is suspension and adoption on that. Finally, Ordinance No. 2023-145; that is to ratify and approve an application for financial assistance through the Ohio Office of Budget. That's also in connection with the funds available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the Ambulance Transportation program for the use by the fire department. The recommendation on that is suspension and adoption. I will be happy to take any questions on Public Safety.

(No comments)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Ms. Roff: I have just one. Resolution No. 2023-146; that is to accept a very generous donation from our Rotary Club, once again, in the amount of \$15,000.00 for our Center of Town project. Thank you to everybody that worked on that, and that was funds from the StrongFest event. Everybody that came out and bought tickets for that, thank you also. We have a 30-day recreation pass coming up for college students that are away. From November 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023, it's \$30.00 for residents and \$40.00 for non-residents. Photos and Cookies with Santa will be on December 2, 2023; that is \$6.00 for kids, and there are three time slots. You must register ahead of time. Our wrestling program is starting up through the recreation center come the beginning of November, and it goes until the end of February. I think Tom can speak on that for the amount that you pay it is a very nice program giving the kids lots of time to release energy, learn skills, and learn to be part of a team while they are learning to wrestle.

Mr. Clark – Parent orientation meeting for that will be Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the recreation center.

Mr. Roff – Thank you, that's it, unless anybody has questions.

Mr. Carbone – Anything else for Ms. Roff?

Ms. Roff – 6:30 p.m. is the orientation at the recreation center, thank you.

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 reminder to everybody. The Christmas lighting is coming very quickly. As you can see, we are decorating the commons already. We will be lighting the commons on Sunday night, November 19, 2023 at dusk, and Santa will be coming.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICERS (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) - Santa's trail is going to be a little abbreviated this year, simply because of the Town Center project. We can't have families down there with all that construction going on. We will have the festivities in the center of town. Really, for everybody's information, the community again is really stepping up and being very generous so that we can have a spectacular lighting show on the 19th. I want to thank them in advance. I have been sending out a thank you to every one of them. So, mark that down; November 19, 2023 at dusk. That's a Sunday evening. That will kick off our Christmas season here in Strongsville.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you Mr. President, I just wanted to note that Ohio House Bill 33 will have a small tweak to our municipal income tax ordinances. We will be submitting legislation to Council for the end of the year. It's kind of a good legislation. It's going to make every city more even on how they apply their income tax. Also, I want to certify that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda which require certification of funding, thank you.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman, just to follow up on what Eric said, he and I are working on updating the code. A lot of it is the remote working. The state legislature undertook an effort to tweak that, or to update, in light of what happened. Hopefully maybe next meeting...at the latest, the second meeting in November, you'll have those proposed changes. It's not like 7 years ago, or 8 years ago where it was a major revamping of the tax code. This is more stuff about the remote working and some other areas. We're working on it, and hopefully you'll get it sometime in November; either the first or second meeting. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form; that concludes my report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Sue Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: I'm Sue Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio. At the last meeting, Mayor Perciak, you said that in your end you're done with the study, correct...on your side?

Mayor Perciak – The current study yes.

Ms. Mazzola – Yes, Boston Road is off the table at this point on your end?

Mayor Perciak – We are following the guidelines of ODOT and NOACA. That's what I said; and we are waiting to hear from them. We have no further communications with them.

Ms. Mazzola – Have you contacted them to let them know that you didn't want to go further with the study?

Mayor Perciak – No, we are waiting for them. They are going to tell us what's going to happen at this point. I was pretty clear about that two weeks ago.

Mr. Jamison – Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that this is not a chance for back and forth. This is a chance for someone to talk.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Mazzola – No, I just have two questions.

Mr. Jamison – I'm just reminding Council of their rules.

Ms. Mazzola – Okay.

Mayor Perciak – Just contact me and anything I have, I will give you.

Ms. Mazzola – No problem...okay, I want to read something that I found really profound that somebody wrote on page. "If we just had one single person on our Council here in Strongsville as passionate and hard working as Nick, we could blow this out of the water to end it for good. Thank you, Nick, so many Strongsville residents sincerely are grateful for your steadfast support in stopping this absurd project." Does that not bother you at all...that your Strongsville residents are praising Brunswick Council for their support; and yet, none of you are supporting it? You know, I think we know Tom Patton made a mistake by doing what he did because the study showed otherwise...probably should have done the study first, and then he could have tried slipping that in. It kind of made you all look a little foolish. I'm really concerned though because ODOT and NOACA may force you to do something because it is now law, that you might end up having something on Drake Road or somewhere else in Strongsville; and your residents are going to be extremely upset.

Mayor Perciak – Sue, I wish I had an answer for you.

Ms. Mazzola – I know, I'm not asking you for anything. I'm just letting you know your residents are going to be extremely upset and you're going to have to look at them and say, "What are we going to do...you know, we can't do anything, it's law." Now, hopefully because we have 2 bills in Ohio, House Bill 155 and House Bill 276 – I would encourage you all to support that and save yourself face. I would hate to see your Strongsville residents on Drake Road losing their homes. We don't want anyone to lose their homes. Yes, I am in Brunswick; I certainly don't want to go, "Oh good, let the Strongsville people lose their lose homes." I don't...nobody should lose their homes for this. (unintelligible) have Costco put an entrance on. I mean, that in itself would alleviate some traffic for sure. That's it, I would just like to encourage you all to think about supporting it so you could support your residents; because I found that really kind of sad when I read it. Just sad that they're thanking other cities. Mr. Carbone, could you please remove your Boston Road off of your accomplishments because that might have been a little premature, thank you.

Michelle Hill, 20691 Forestwood Drive, Strongsville, OH, 44149: I'm Michelle Hill, address is 20691 Forestwood Drive here in Strongsville. I wanted to take a minute today to thank you guys for all the hard work you do in Strongsville. I'm here representing SECPTA, which is the early childhood PTA here in Strongsville. We do some really great work; and a lot of it is because of your support. I just like to come every year to tell you a little bit about what we are doing. We have our early childhood resource fair; and that is going to be held on Tuesday, November 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Strongsville Middle School. We've been doing this for 18 years now. It traditionally started out as more of a preschool resource fair; but now has moved into a lot of different family services. We really encourage not only just early childhood families, but families of all ages of children can really benefit from being at this activity and this event. We're also doing a kindergarten crash course, that's going to be on January 9th. We started that last year to help our families transition from the preschool era to the kindergarten era.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Hill (cont'd) - I think having a kindergartener this year really helped me to learn a lot about our 5 amazing elementary schools and how to best equip our families for engaging in that community. Then finally, our last community event in on Sunday, April 28th. We're hosting our preschool prom at the Best Western. I again wanted to thank you guys for all your support. I know you were all sponsors of our event last year. We really do appreciate you guys helping us get the word out about this and all of your support. That's all I wanted to say. I think you guys are doing a great job, thank you.

Nancy Frognowski, 465 Pembroke Cove, Brunswick, OH 44212: Good evening everyone, I just wanted to ask you to take note or just let you know that I did send all of you an email after the last meeting, I think it was October 3rd. I didn't get any responses. I just wanted to say if you could please check your emails; and if you have a moment, if you could respond to my request for support for the repeal of the interchange, thank you.

Michael Gallagher, 16260 Academy Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149: Yes Mr. President, Mr. Mayor, distinguished elected officials and citizens of Brunswick and Strongsville. I thought the interchange was over. I'm the old guy, I remember when Brunswick was pushing the interchange, and they were going to move Carpenter Road over to Howe Road; and Strongsville at the time was not ready. We didn't have the money. I just wanted to come by. I was driving by and I hadn't seen the dig over here. I wanted to drive by and check that out. I just wanted to let you know, and I heard it earlier today which I'm glad I did, is people come up here and complain, and it's really not the forum for that; but it's to get off their chest what they have to get off their chest. I think you guys are doing a great job. I'm in a unique position in that I'm invited to many communities throughout Cuyahoga County and the surrounding counties. I get to talk to the Mayors and the Council. I know what their problems are and the struggles in which they have. People look at Strongsville and say, "Oh, we have a lot of money...you're very rich...this and that." We're not, we're very diverse; but we're led by a good team of elected officials and always have been for the most part; and that's the strength of the community is through their elected officials and listening...whether it's something they want to hear or they don't want to hear from the citizens, calculate what is the best thing for your city, not other cities, for your city and then do it. I have to calculate what's good for 6 of my cities and figure out what the best thing is and do it. There is always going to be people that don't like it and people that do like it; but in the end somehow, if everybody is upset it's a good deal. I've always heard that. I think you guys are doing a great job, thank you very much. As citizen Gallagher, I appreciate everything that you do. I know how hard the job was. I did it for a number of years. It's thankless usually 90% of the time; but at 10% of the time when you have a citizen come up and thank you, it makes your day so much better. Thank you, Mayor, Council, directors, law enforcement and citizens of Brunswick and Strongsville. This is a difficult situation. We'll get through it; and if everybody comes out unhappy I guess we've done the right thing, be good.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Mr. Gallagher and also another thank you...I know we thank you multiple times, but that downtown enhancement plan – without you and without your persistence at the county level, it would not be at the level where it is and where it's going to be, so thank you very much.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2023-143 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, ON ROYALTON ROAD, BEING ALL OF PPNs 393-18-006, 393-18-020 and 393-18-022, FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Ordinance No. 2023-144 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 2023 CHEVROLET TAHOE SPORT UTILITY POLICE VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; 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. 2023-144 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-145 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, IN CONNECTION WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OHIO AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, TO BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT; RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE MAYOR'S ENTERING INTO AN OHIO AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT; FURTHER 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. 2023-145 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2023-146 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ADDITIONAL DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE STRONGSVILLE ROTARY FOUNDATION TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2023-146 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 8:43 p.m.



Marialena Beach
Council Secretary



Date