SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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, November 2, 2026, at 7:20 p.m.**

Present: Councilmembers Gordon C. Short, James A. Kaminski, Annmarie P. Roff, Thomas M. Clark, and Anthony J. Zacharyasz, Jr. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Councilman James E. Carbone, and Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek.

Council President Gordon C. Short called the caucus to order at 7:20 p.m.

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

Recreation and Community Services Committee:

Mr. Short - Since Councilwoman Kosek is excused from tonight's meeting, I will take that resolution, which is Resolution No. 2026-102. This is to accept a donation of $25,000.00 from the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce for our new community recreation project known as the Strongsville Community Dog Park right off of Lunn Road. I see construction there is moving along nicely. I want to thank the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce for their $25,000.00 donation for that project. The recommendation, there, is to suspend and adopt that this evening. Any questions on that?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Great. Again, I want to thank the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Council for that contribution.

Mayor Perciak – We are very happy that they acknowledged it, and we appreciate what they are doing for the community.

Mr. Short – Absolutely.

Finance Committee:

Chairman Short – First is Ordinance No. 2026-103. This is to create a new Tax Increment Financing fund for the establishment of a Foltz Parkway Municipal Public Improvement Fund. That will be placed on first reading this evening. Then, Ordinance No. 2026-104 is also to create a Tax Increment Financing fund for Marks Road for public improvements there. Again, we will place that on first reading as well this evening. Are there any questions about those two TIF ordinances this evening? Lastly, we have Ordinance No. 2026-105; this is to make the appropriations for the annual expenses for the City of Strongsville for the 2027 year. We are already almost there—today being November 2nd. We did have our Finance Committee meeting last Monday to discuss that. The recommendation there is to suspend the rules this evening. Are there any questions on that?

(No questions)

Chairman Short – We made a pretty thorough discussion with the finance director and administration last Monday. In regards to that, I would like to make a motion to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes from the October 26, 2026 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Short, second by Ms. Roff to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of October 26, 2026. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Chairman Short – Anything from the administration for Council this evening?

(Unintelligible background conversation)

Chairman Short – Correct.

(Unintelligible background conversation)

Chairman Short – I see that The Square is being decorated daily.

(Unintelligible background conversation)

Chairman Short – Yes. Anything for the administration?

(No comments)

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 November 2, 2026 agenda link. *

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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 A. Kaminski, Annmarie P. Roff, Thomas M. Clark, and Anthony J. Zacharyasz, Jr. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Councilman James E. Carbone and Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek.

Motion made by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Roff, to excuse Councilman James E. Carbone for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 19, 2026 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Perciak – Thank you, Mr. President and good evening, everyone. This evening, I would like to re-appoint, and ask Council for confirmation, of Greg McDonald, our current Chair of the Planning Commission for another four-year term on the city's Planning Commission effective November 30, 2026, and expiring on November 29, 2030.

Mayor's re-appointment and Council confirmation of Greg McDonald to a four (4) year term on the City's Planning Commission, effective November 30, 2026, and expiring on November 29, 2030.

Motion made by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Roff, to re-appoint and confirm Greg McDonald to a four (4) year term on the City's Planning Commission, effective November 30, 2026 and expiring on November 30, 2030. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Short – Any other awards or confirmations, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – Not this evening, Mr. President.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark: Thank you, President Short. Just a couple of quick updates. One, last week, as you all know we are part of the Aerozone Alliance. The Aerozone Alliance had networking event here in Strongsville last week at CMIT. CMIT sits at the end of the current Foltz Industrial Parkway, or at the beginning of Foltz Parkway Phase II. Our Economic Development Director, Brent Painter, organized for a bus tour. We had about 15 participants take a bus tour and see that space – that's excellent. We had our real estate representatives from CBRE there. They had a panel discussion by 10,000 small businesses. The Mayor was there, Councilman Kaminski was there, and I was there- it was a very good event. The Aerozone puts these on regularly. They have been in Strongsville a couple of times, and they always have been well attended in great events here in Strongsville. If you missed that; hopefully, you are registered for this Thursday's business networking event put on by the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. If you are not registered for that, you may have missed the window.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark (cont'd): I will give you one more opportunity on November 17th - the Chamber's next November business luncheon. That concludes my report, but I will gladly take any questions.

Mr. Short – Any questions for Mr. Clark?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Clark.

PLANNING, ZONING & ENGINEERING – Mr. Zacharyasz:

(No report)

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: I have no report this; however, I have had questions about deliveries on some of our main streets and possibly putting legislation in place that would restrict some of those deliveries. I am going to have some conversations and do some research on that. That would be part of, probably, the next Public Safety and Health Committee meeting – either later in November, or the beginning of December.

Ms. Roff – I know I brought that up to Neal a little while ago, and he wasn't sure that it was...that we were able to do it. I guess maybe we could check into it again.

Mr. Kaminski – That's what I was going to do. I want to see if any other communities have done it, and how it works. Right, I will talk to Neal about that.

Mayor Perciak – Can I interject there for a second?

Mr. Kaminski – Absolutely.

Mayor Perciak – The Southwest Council of Governments, in 18 cities...Chief O'Deens, along with our law director...our law director also sits on that board with me. We will be able to ask and check what every other municipality is doing with that. I believe that would be the proper form where we have everybody there.

Mr. Jamison – Yes, it's an ongoing discussion that we've had. We actually talked about it at the staff meeting today. I know Westlake is passing some legislation as we speak. We are working on it. We will have something for you, probably at the next meeting or two, and we will go from there.

Ms. Roff – It would be nice for just certain times of the day. I talked about that, like I said, but I don't know how we enforce it though either. I guess too, you'll bring back what the enforcement would be, Neal? Would it be just like a posted sign, or...?

Mr. Jamison – It's something we've been looking at, too. We will get back to you once we have something.

Ms. Roff – Thank you.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd): That concludes my report.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Kaminski.

PUBLIC SERVICE & CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek:

(No report)

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek:

Mr. Short – Under Recreation and Community Services, we do have one this evening. This is Resolution No. 2026-102; this is to accept a donation of $25,000.00 from the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce for the new Strongsville Community Dog Park that is being built off of Lunn Road. The recommendation, there, is to suspend and adopt that this evening. Again, to thank the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce for their continued support of community projects like this in the City of Strongsville. Any questions on that resolution?

(No questions)

BUILDING & UTILITIES – Mr. Carbone:

(No report)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:

Mr. Short – No report; however, tomorrow is election day. Issue 9 is on the ballot to support our schools. I'm sure that Mr. Carbone and all of us agree here, that we urge the passing of Issue 9 tomorrow for our schools. We might here something that a little bit later in the meeting. Any questions on those committees?

(No questions)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: We did not have a board meeting since our last Council meeting; although, there are a couple of items to note. There was a press release that...pretty big news that Southwest General has partnered with Oracle Corporation on the use of what's called the Oracle Health Foundation EHR (Electronic Health Records). It's a big project. I think one of the first in the country with Oracle to help automate routine administrative tasks and give physicians more time with patients. They will be getting the integration of this project of Oracle starting back on October 21st. Also, in a continuing commitment to the communities, they are expanding and hiring more doctors and nurse practitioners across the system starting here in October and November. Any questions on Southwest General Health System?

(No questions)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Mr. Short: Again, we had our meeting last Monday on the budget on appropriations of expenses for 2027. We do have three ordinances this evening. The first ones are Ordinance Nos. 2026-103 and 2026-104; both are for the creation of Tax Increment Improvement Funds (TIFs). Ordinance No. 2026-103 relates to creation for one for the Foltz Parkway area for public improvements in that district. The other one is, Ordinance No. 2026-104 to create a fund for the Marks Road area, as well, for public improvements there. We will place those both on first reading this evening. Finally, Ordinance No. 2026-105; this relates to, again, the budget and appropriations for the expenses for the City of Strongsville for the 2027 fiscal year. The recommendation, there, is to suspend and adopt that this evening. Any questions on those ordinances?

(No questions)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Short: For the Committee of the Whole, we have no ordinances or resolutions. However, for those in attendance and those viewing this, this Council has discussed the recent potential recommendations by the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) regarding their I-71/State Route 82 Interchange traffic study. Their (NOACA's) recommendation—which appears to be when they issue their final report in December—to be a Drake Road interchange, this Council is vehemently opposed to that. We will be drafting a resolution to be passed at a Special Council meeting to be announced later in November to reject that proposal and any and all funding or recommendations regarding an interchange being placed at Drake Road and Howe Road.

Mayor Perciak – If I may, Mr. President, I'm only going to speak on behalf of myself and our finance director. We will not certify any type of recommendation to suspend taxpayer dollars on any type of... what do we want to call that on Drake Road? It's just not the place for it. I'm sure when the time comes—and when we actually get the study here, supposedly at the end of December, so that may mean January—but no, it's not in the budget. The money isn't there for that. The reason I'm saying all this is plain and simple: We are going to have a new governor here in January. I don't know who that person might be, but at the end of the day, the governor appoints the new director of ODOT, and at that point, things are going to change. It doesn't matter which one gets in. In the meantime, they are going to take a little bit of time to organize their government. We do not know what type of grants or what type of money is available. Until we understand what the full financial responsibility of that is, or NOACA, with all their infinite wisdom, comes forth with some financial... the answer is no. I'm not going to approve it. I'm not going to sign that legislation should something change. Do you want to speak for yourself?

Mr. Dean – Yes, the funds that they are talking about with these plans would put the city in a tough financial position. To fund those, we would have to have a lot of outside funding and we have no plans on doing any of these projects right now.

Mr. Short – I think I speak on behalf of Council. We agree with the administration and we will not support, or pass any legislation that would put an interchange at Drake Road and Howe Road. We are going to have a resolution to certify that.

Mayor Perciak – Imagine putting an interchange there. Please stop that – it's crazy talk. I'm sorry.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Short (cont'd): I agree. That will be at a Special meeting. I know we have other legislation for November, which would need all seven of us. I believe the five of us, at least as of now, November 30th works. We may move that up with the other legislation as well as for this resolution to oppose the Drake Road interchange. I just wanted to make you aware of that. Thank you.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Mr. President, thank you again. Ladies and gentlemen, tomorrow is election day. Please, if you haven't voted already, go out and vote. We have two very special things on the ballot that apply to our City of Strongsville. One is our schools, and two is for our fire department...for our paramedics. As all of you know, we are opening up a fifth fire station, here, in the spring. What we have done is we have paid off our fire station, or will, on Prospect Road – the main headquarter station by the end of the year. After much discussion, and everything that's going on in the community, it was determined by a study that we should have a fifth fire station in the Center of Town. Now, those of you who have been in town as long as I have, know that we used to have a fire station here, but we had to expand our police facility here and the Council Chambers - we closed that. At the time, it was great idea, but we needed something in Ward 4. We had the high school there and the business parks, so that will be paid for. What we are going to do is swap one debt out for another, but we are going to need some money to pay for the paramedics. As most of you know, our paramedics make about 7,500 calls a year. As the surrounding communities grow and they come in to do business here in Strongsville, we also have to be prepared for any type of emergency that comes up there. On an average $350,000.00 home, this levy is probably going to garner us about $122.50, so it's not expensive. The lives our paramedics save they are just unbelievable. The few fires we've had, and thank God it's just a few, but it's all paramedic work. We have wonderful men over there that do wonderful things for people, so please help us with that. Then, in three weeks, Santa Claus is Coming to Town; so, we are working very hard to get The Commons ready. Three weeks is November 22nd – that's a Sunday. I think we are going to start at 5:00 p.m. I will get back to you on that, but I'm almost sure it is at 5:00 p.m. as soon as it gets dark. It's open to the public and every year, hundreds and hundreds of people come with their families. It's a great evening, and we light up The Commons. We have fireworks, we have Santa Claus coming - the kids get to see, and picture taking. It's a delightful evening on The Commons for the families. All kind of memories are made there that night. Kind of put that down for November 22nd. Right now, Mr. President, that ends my report.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

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.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Dean.

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

Mr. Short – Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Ezinski, 9977 Fairtree Drive, Strongsville, OH. 44136: I will try to make it quick. Hi, my name is John Ezinski

Mr. Short – Please spell your name for the record.

Mr. Ezinski – E-Z-I-N-S-K-I.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Mr. Ezinski – Okay, I'm the only person that wants to talk about snow. Every year I seem to have an issue with...I know that the elderly, and I am getting there now, they have their snow plowed by the city for free. They push the snow onto my property and they push it so bad that they tear up my property. I can't have my wife cut the grass because of the fact that everything gets all messed up. The city doesn't seem to want to work with me. I have talked to them and the director of the service department. He kind of like blows me off, like, "You're just a lone guy and you're the only one having an issue." It's just like, why can't they just push the snow and push it back on their property instead of just jamming it on my property? I have sinking issues in two places in my property that I already told the service guy about, but he doesn't seem to think that it is an issue. I was hoping that they would stop pushing my snow on my...I had Rock Bottom doing it for years and years; and I had to keep putting gravel in there and my sidewalk goes like this now. Over on the other side, where the city is pushing it onto the property, there is a sewer there - that gets worse and worse every year. That's why I am hoping that the city would at least look at me and say, "Hey, maybe I can not push the snow in Mr. Ezinski's property." Push it back on Brinkman's property, Amen. Thank you.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Leslie Hohenfeld, 18183 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH. 44136: Leslie Hohenfeld, 18183 Howe Road in Strongsville, Ohio. There still seems to be...still none of the bill plans make sense. All of them put the burden of rush hour traffic on the backs of Howe Road and Drake Road residents. All just to get residents from mostly surrounding cities home a little faster. That is a huge imbalanced sacrifice NOACA places on Strongsville residents and our city's funding. Thank you to those who have advocated for the residents of Drake Road and Howe Road, but not all of Strongsville leaders have given Howe Road and Drake Road residents the impression that they would reject NOACA plans, if it included the required funding. That seems to be a big concern from a lot of people I talk to. They feel that some of the leadership would allow for that plan to go through on Howe Road, or on Drake Road if the funds were available. Even with new government coming into the state. Will you be able to advocate for Drake Road and Howe Road residents and the surrounding neighborhood? To go beyond that, NOACA and the surrounding cities that are allowing more housing and developments – retail and restaurants – need to look to their own streets to accommodate more residents and commercial traffic. Will you advocate for your city residents in the future as the pressure from NOACA continues over the years? I'm 68 years old. Am I going to be here again when I'm 91? There are three women on Howe Road that I have met that are 91 and fighting for their homes like they fought for Shurmer Road ten years ago. We need the confidence that this is not going to be a continuous cycle and have some legislature, or something to stop it. Or, work with NOACA and other city and state leaders to find solutions that balance the burden of even more rush hour traffic away from Strongsville and Howe Road residents. That's it. Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Richard Micko, 20520 Wildwood Lane, Strongsville, OH. 44136: I am still Richard Micko, my last name is still spelled M as in Mark, I-C-K-O. I still reside at 20520 Wildwood Lane. In case anyone was not paying attention, to President Short's comments or the Mayor's comments, we do have an election tomorrow, November 3rd. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Many of our polling locations are schools. I did want to share that – school is off tomorrow because it is a mid-term election. It is our habit to always have school during the November elections. As it has been my practice, I do like to follow up on history. A lot of times we like to say that times are worse today then if you spend some time with history, you realize things might be different, but a lot of the trends are the same. As I have shared with you before, I'd like to share some words from Franklin Roosevelt. In October 5, 1944, during one of his radio addresses, he says, "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote; except, the American people themselves. The only way they can do that is by not voting at all." He continues, "The continuing health and vigor of our Democratic system depends on the public spirit and devotion of its citizens which find expression in the ballot box. Every man and every woman in this Nation – regardless of party – who have the right to register and to vote, and the opportunity to register and to vote, have also the sacred obligation to register and to vote. For the free and secret ballot is the real keystone of our American Constitutional system." That was true when this country was founded, that was true in 1944, and I think it's true today. I checked the data from the county and over 8,000 people in Strongsville have exercised their right to vote already prior to election day tomorrow. The majority of the people will vote at the polling locations. It is going to be a busy election. Please be courteous to your friend and to your neighbors – everyone will get their chance to vote. I would be remiss not to remind everyone that the school district has Issue 9 on the ballot. It is essential to the way that we deliver education today. It represents an investment in our future, and in our student's education. It represents an investment in everyone's housing value. An investment in the kind of life that we want to have for all of the residents and for all the people in Strongsville. I would also be remiss not to remind Council that the city has an issue on the ballot. The Mayor already spoke about it. The Council has been very supportive of the school district and I just want to return that support on behalf of the school board. It seems that everything is in order for the fire levy - it's needed, its valued, and it's reasonable. I think those are the values that are shared by both issues. They respect the taxpayer, they respect the voter, but they also address the real needs of both school and the city. I hope everyone takes the opportunity, if they haven't already, to get out there and vote. Please vote yes for the schools and the city. Thank you for your attention.

Mr. Short – Thank you. Is there anyone else in the audience who would like to address Council this evening?

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2026-102 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE STRONGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR A COMMUNITY RECREATION PROJECT KNOWN AS THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY DOG PARK ON LUNN ROAD.

Motion by Mr. Clark 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. Clark, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-102 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2026-103 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A FOLTZ PKWY MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2026-104 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A MARKS ROAD MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2026-105 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2027.

Motion by Mr. Clark 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. Clark, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-105 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 7:58 p.m.

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Council Secretary

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Date