

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President DeMio called the meeting to order at 7:15 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: Matthew A. Schonhut, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Gordon C. Short and James E. Carbone. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison and Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems.

FILLING WARD 2 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY:

Mr. DeMio – And I do want to note, before we actually start this process, we want to thank the Mayor, who had a very long trip today to get back here. So, we appreciate that very much...

Mayor Perciak – You're welcome.

Mr. DeMio – I want to note that for the record. We are now, in the point of filling the Ward 2 Council vacancy. At this time, I would like to open the nominations for the Ward 2 vacancy and with this (*banging of the gavel*) we will start.

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. DeMio?

Mr. DeMio – Yes, Mr. Schonhut?

Mr. Schonhut – First I'd like to say that obviously Ward 2 is near and dear to my heart. Every applicant brought something very different to the table and it's difficult to nominate myself, just one person. Certainly everybody is open to nominating whoever they so please. I would like to thank everybody who did participate and at this time, I would like to nominate Annmarie Roff for the Ward 2 vacancy.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, with that, is there any other nominations?

(No comment)

Mr. DeMio – Hearing no further nominations, I will close the nominations for the Ward 2 vacancy.

(*Banging of the gavel*)

Motion by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. Daymut, Pursuant to Article III, Section 8 of the City Charter, to appoint Annmarie Roff to fill the Ward 2 Strongsville City Council vacancy for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2019. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

FILLING WARD 2 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY (cont'd):

Mrs. Pientka – Motion passed 5-0.

(Applause)

Mr. DeMio – Mayor, here the question, would you like to do this swearing in separately or would you like to do them together?

Mr. Jamison – Hold on, we have to follow the agenda...

Mr. DeMio – Okay.

Mr. Jamison – You have to do Ward 3...

Mr. DeMio – Okay, so you want to...

Mr. Jamison – So follow the agenda.

Mr. DeMio – That's fine.

Mayor Perciak – To answer your question, I will do them separately when we're done.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you, Mayor. I appreciate that. Out of courtesy to you, I ask that question.

FILLING WARD 3 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY:

Mr. DeMio – Okay, so I will flip the page. Okay, so now we move to Ward 3.

(Banging of the gavel)

Mr. DeMio – At this time, I will take the opportunity to open nominations for the Ward 3 vacancy.

Mr. Carbone – I'd like to nominate Kelly Kosek for Ward 3.

Mr. DeMio – Are there any more nominations?

(No comment)

Mr. DeMio – Hearing no further nominations, I will close the nominations for the Ward 3 vacancy.

(Banging of the gavel)

Motion by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. Short, Pursuant to Article III, Section 8 of the City Charter, to appoint Kelly Kosek to fill the Ward 3 Strongsville City Council vacancy for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2019. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mrs. Pientka – Motion passed 5-0.

(Applause)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

Mr. DeMio – Alright, if the two nominates would come forward, please.

Mayor Perciak – Let's do Annmarie first and then we'll call Kelly.

At this time, Mayor Perciak administered the Oath of Office to newly-appointed Councilwoman for Ward 2 Annmarie P. Roff.

(Applause)

Mrs. Roff – I just...thank you guys. It's been a long haul and I appreciate every...confidence. I appreciate telling me that came tonight. I appreciate all applicants that put in. I think the more applicants and the more people we have involved, the better it is for all of us in Strongsville. I will do everything I can and my best at all times to make my family proud and my work proud. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. DeMio – Mrs. Kosek? Come forward...

Mayor Perciak – Kelly, come on up.

At this time, Mayor Perciak administered the Oath of Office to newly-appointed Councilwoman for Ward 3 Kelly A. Kosek.

(Applause)

Mrs. Kosek – Thank you. This was the longest job interview of my life. I am looking forward to representing the people of Ward 3 and I want to thank everyone who applied. Everyone who supported me. Everyone who came out and did all the hard work at the campaign. It was necessarily (inaudible)...but I am really excited to continue to work with (inaudible)...thank you.

(Applause)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS COUNCIL:

Mr. DeMio – Is there any other business before this Council from our Councilmembers? Administration? Law Department?

Mr. Schonhut – Joe, if I could just really quick...again, I know I already elaborated on this. Obviously, since there were no other nominations, especially in my Ward, but in both, I think everybody that interviewed brought a different piece to the puzzle. That definitely made me think and I know that each and every one of you are involved in the community in one way or another. Whether it's your homeowner's association, civic groups or coaching. Whatever it may be, you guys are really what make this City special. Your involvement in the City is what makes it special. I would encourage you to continue down that path and to keep doing more than what you do because, that is what is going to continue to take this City in the right direction. Hopefully, when any of our time is up, it will be time for somebody else to fill in one of these seats and have the opportunity to serve Strongsville as I know we all truly enjoy doing. And that's all I have.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS COUNCIL (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – I want to mimic that. I want to thank everybody who applied. I made a lot of mental notes and when I get in my car tonight, I am going to write those down. There were a lot of good ideas presented and some concerns. We're going to work together to build a better community. We're excited for the opportunity.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, with that said, we will adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Dooner adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Signature on file
Aimee K. Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

February 5, 2018
Date